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About the Cover

The IYFR pennants fly high at the flag staff of the Mariner of the Seas, a 4,252 passenger Voyager Class Luxury Liner of the Royal Caribbean International where 50 lyforians and their partners or spouses joined an eight day China Sea cruise from Shanghai to Singapore on November 4-12 with stops at Xiamen, Hong Kong and Ho Chi Minh City. The A3 Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in Hong Kong during its brief stopover at the Police Officers Club followed by a Formal Dinner at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club efficiently organized by the Hong Kong Fleet.



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Commodore's Message

By: IC Sergio Santi

Dear Fellow Commodores and Mariners,

This last part of the year has not been the calmest one Laura and I have ever lived, starting with the weather in October-November and ending in an emergency return from Rome where we had gone to promote the Sao Paulo Convention and our PCC.

In this part of the Italian Peninsula it seems that in late Autumn it does not simply rains any more like it used to be: it comes down by the buckets, concentrated in confined zones where in one hour of downpour it comes down the full allowance of months.



Most luckily we did not suffer direct hits when Carrara, Chiavari and Genova were flooded but only major difficulties to complete the moving from Massa to Rapallo where we finally are. Personally we were pardoned, but the flourishing commerce in those cities received a tremendous blow since everything stored up to 2 metres above ground level was covered by mud and water. Garages completely flooded with thousands of cars destroyed.



But a huger proportion disaster, also if scaled down from the dreadful initial force 5, affected the already beaten Philippines; also Great Britain and the Northern California coasts were plagued by severe weather, not to talk about the incredible Brisbane hail. Is the weather really changing? Scientists seem to be divided on this issue. In any case in the im-

mediate future we will have to cope with this new recurring situation that affects the whole Planet.



While we hear the tremendous and gloomy news coming from the Ukraine, the Syrian area, Israel, Sydney and from Pakistan, it is difficult to believe that Xmas is approaching with its message of a World living in peace. Actually it is a very bad moment the whole World is living, way, way far from the ideals of human understanding and tolerance that are at the basis of Rotary and our Fellowship. Let us keep fighting for a better World dear Friends, let us continue in this invaluable function of ours, let us keep making the difference!





RI, AGM and PCC in Sao Paolo

Visit www.iyfr.net for more details about Sao Paulo 2015 AGM and PCC - Final Programs



DEAR FELLOW COMMODORES AND MARINERS,

GOOD NEWS FROM BRAZIL: OUR TRAVEL AGENT, IYFORIAN CESARE ORTIS IS IN SAO PAULO AT THE MOMENT TO PERSONALLY CHECK OUR ACCOMMODATIONS BOTH IN SP AND IN RIO. THE REPORT IS PERFECT:

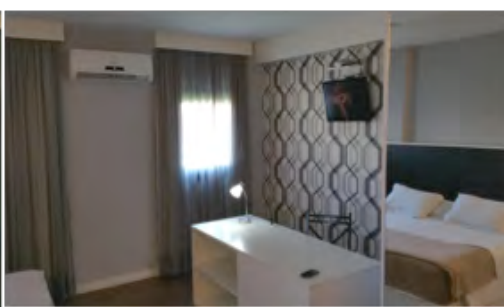
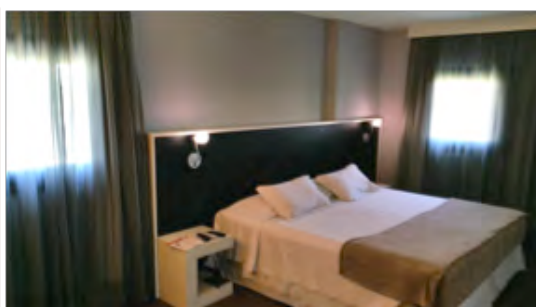
- THE WZ HOTEL IS PLACED IN A VERY CENTRAL AREA. SHOPPING... GRANTED!
- THE CABINS ARE OK (SEE PICTURES BELOW) AND VERY COMFORTABLE, ALSO THE CREW CABIN.
- THE HOTEL IS BEING REFURBISHED SO, BY THE TIME WE ARRIVE, IT WILL BE LIKE NEW.
- THE CHURRASCARIA IS AT 5 MIN WALK AND A MINIBUS CAN COME AND PICK US UP. THE MEAL AND WINE TESTED ... EXCELLENT.

SO FAR, EVERYTHING IS OK. CESARE WILL NOT TEST THE HOTEL – RESORT IN ANGRA: NO VACANCY AND, BY THE WAY, THEY ARE NOW CHARGING 1000 EURO PER NIGHT! (MORE THAN WHAT WE WILL SPEND FOR ALL THE PCC)

HE WILL ALSO TEST THE HOTEL AND THE RESTAURANTS IN RIO AND GIVE A SECOND SITUATION REPORT.

SEEMS THAT WE ARE ON THE RIGHT COURSE DEAR FRIENDS, SO, AHEAD LIKE THIS, RUDDER AMIDSHIP!

I TAKE THE OCCASION TO RENEW MY PERSONAL **HAPPY NEW YEAR**, SERGIO



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IYFR RI CONVENTION 2015

SAN PAOLO BERTHS

MEET & GREET AND AGM GALA DINNER

ETA JUNE THE 5TH (ANY TIME), ETD JUNE THE 10TH (MORNING)



PROGRAM

- **FRIDAY THE 5TH, DAY ONE.** INDEPENDENT ARRIVAL AT THE SAN PAOLO AIRPORT AND INDEPENDENT TRANSFER TO THE HOTEL WZ JARDINS. FOR THOSE ARRIVING PRIOR TO 1400, ON REQUEST, AN EARLY CHECK-IN IS POSSIBLE. FREE ACTIVITY. CONVENTION REGISTRATION. NIGHT IN THE HOTEL.
- **SATURDAY THE 6TH, DAY TWO.** BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL. BUS TO THE CONVENTION, REGISTRATION. MORNING OPENING SESSION LATE ARRIVALS AND HOTEL CHECK IN. FREE ACTIVITY, FREE VISITS. 1900 – 2300 WE WALK TO THE NEARBY CHURRASCARIA LOS BOVINOS FOR THE MEET&GREET INFORMAL DINNER. LOTS OF BARUM BARUM BARUM AND AIZA AIZA AIZA. NIGHT IN THE HOTEL.
- **SUNDAY THE 7TH** BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL. BUS TO THE CONVENTION, LATE REGISTRATION (IF ANY), HOF, INDEPENDENT LUNCH AND COFFEES. BUS TO THE HOTEL, FREE AFTERNOON, FREE SHOPPING/VISITS. NIGHT IN THE HOTEL.
- **MONDAY THE 8TH** 0800 BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL. 0900-1030 AGM BRIEFING IN THE HOTEL CONFERENCE HALL. BUS TO THE CONVENTION, LATE REGISTRATION (IF ANY), HOF, INDEPENDENT LUNCH AND COFFEES. BUS TO THE HOTEL, FREE AFTERNOON FREE SHOPPING/VISITS. 2000- 2330 AGM GALA DINNER IN THE HOTEL SALOON. CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY. GREETINGS OF THOSE LEAVING THE NEXT MORNING. NIGHT IN THE HOTEL.
- **TUESDAY THE 9TH** BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL. BUS TO THE CONVENTION, HOF, INDEPENDENT LUNCH AND COFFEES. CLOSURE SESSION, BUS TO THE HOTEL, FREE AFTERNOON FREE SHOPPING/VISITS. INDEPENDENT DINNER. NIGHT IN THE HOTEL.
- **WEDNESDAY THE 10TH** EARLY BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL DINING ROOM. HOTEL CHECK OUT, BUS TO ANGRA DOS REIS LEAVES AT 0900. INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS FOR THOSE NOT TAKING PART TO THE PCC.



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IYFR – AMNG PART TO - SAN PAOLO BERTHS

PRICES ARE PER ROOM FOR 5 NIGHTS FROM JUNE 5 TO JUNE 10
(SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ON REQUEST)

****HOTEL WZ JARDINS	ADVANCE BOOKING* NO MORE AVAILABLE		PRICES	
	WITHIN DECEMBER THE 15 TH 2014		DEC 16 TH TO MARCH THE 15 TH 2015	
EXECUTIVE DOUBLE ROOM (16 SQM YACHT CABIN)	€ 490 (QUEEN BED) € 530 (TWIN)	\$ 610 \$ 651	€ 580 (QUEEN BED) \$ 725	
LUXURY DOUBLE ROOM (34 SQM YACHT MASTER CABIN)	€ 570 (QUEEN BED) € 640 (TWIN)	\$ 710 \$ 790	€ 680 (TWIN) \$ 850	
LUXURY TRIPLE ROOM (40 SQM YACHT CREW CABIN)	€690 (QUEEN AND 1 EXTRA BED) SINGLE BEDS)	\$ 865 €700 (3 \$ 878	€ 890 (TRIPLE) \$ 1115	
CHURRASCARIA LOS BOVINOS	€ 40	\$ 50	€ 50 \$ 62	
AGM GALA DINNER	€ 75	\$ 95	€ 85 \$ 105	
CANCELLATION INSURANCE (OPTIONAL)	≈ 5% OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT PAID			
CAUTION *THE ADVANCE BOOKING PRICES WILL BE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE AND FOR A MAX OF 15 ROOMS TOTAL. NON-REFUNDABLE – ONLY WITH OPTIONAL INSURANCE				

PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE ACCORDING TO THE VALUE OF REAL AGAINST EURO/USD

THE PRICE INCLUDES: HOTEL ACCOMMODATION, BREAKFAST, CONFERENCE ROOM, DINNER AT THE CHURRASCARIA LOS BOVINOS (DRINKS EXCLUDED), MEDICAL AND BAGGAGE INSURANCE, GALA DINNER WINE/BEER INCLUDED

THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE: FULL CANCELLATION INSURANCE (AVAILABLE FOR THE AIRLINE TICKET AND/OR HOTEL ROOM UPON REQUEST ONLY AT THE BOOKING MOMENT); DRINKS AT THE CHURRASCARIA "LOS BOVINOS" (ACROSS THE STREET), TIPS AND PERSONAL EXPENSES, REGISTRATION FOR THE RI CONVENTION.

AIRLINE TICKETS FROM EVERYWHERE, TRANSFERS TO/FROM AIRPORT/S, CUSTOM TAILORED PROGRAMS AND EXCURSIONS, DIFFERENT DATES, AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

IYFR OFFICIAL TOAST**BARUM, BARUM, BARUM**

AIZA, AIZA, AIZA,
ACCALA, ACCALA, ACCALA,
ACCOSTA, ACCOSTA, ACCOSTA,
... E BEVIMM' ALLA SALUTE NUOSTRA!!!

AEZAH, AEZAH, AESAH,
AKKALAH, AKKALAH, AKKALAH,
AKKOSTAH, AKKOSTAH, AKKOSTAH,
... E BEIVEMM' ALLAH SALUTEI NUOSTRAH!!!

『IYFR の乾杯』
(イタリア式)

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(健康と親睦のために)

((乾杯))



AND SEE YOU THERE! SERGIO SANTI, INTERNATIONAL COMMODORE 2013-2015





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CONVENÇÃO DE 2015 DO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL SÃO PAULO, BRASIL | SÁBADO A TERÇA-FEIRA - 6 A 9 DE JUNHO



IYFR RI CONVENTION 2015 POST CONVENTION CRUISE

JUNE THE 10th - JUNE THE 14th



PROGRAM:

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 10: SAN PAOLO/PARATY/ANGRA

0900, AFTER BREAKFAST AND HOTEL CHECK-OUT, EMBARK ON PRIVATE BUS/SSES* AND TRANSFER TO PARATY, QUICK LUNCH, CITY TOUR, FREE TIME FOR SOUVENIR SHOPPING.

LATE AFTERNOON TRANSFER TO ANGRA TO THE Hotel Vila Galé Eco Resort de Angra (*****). CHECK-IN AND DINNER IN THE HOTEL RESTAURANT. ALL INCLUDED. FREE DRINKS FOR ALL THE STAY IN THE RESORT

DAY 2: THURSDAY 11: ANGRA

BREAKFAST, FREE DAY TO ENJOY THE RESORT AND THE WONDERFUL BEACHES. FREEDOM OF MANEUVER FOR COMMODORES AND MARINERS.

DAY 3: FRIDAY 12: ANGRA/ITACURUÇA/RIO DE JANEIRO

0930 AFTER BREAKFAST AND HOTEL CHECK-OUT, EMBARK ON PRIVATE BUS/SSES* TRANSFER TO THE PORT OF ITACURUÇA FOR A DAY EXCURSION ON A SCHOONER. FREE DRINK ON BOARD. LUNCH DURING THE EXCURSION. LATE AFTERNOON RETURN TO PORT AND TRANSFER TO RIO DE JANEIRO AT THE W PLAZA COPACABANA (****). CHECK-IN AND BUFFET DINNER AT THE HOTEL. ALL INCLUDED

DAY 4: SATURDAY 13: RIO DE JANEIRO

1000 AFTER BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL, BOARD ON PRIVATE BUS/SSES* FOR A GUIDED CITY TOUR VISITING CORCOVADO AND PÃO DE AÇÚCAR . FREE LUNCH. RETURN TO THE HOTEL.

2000 FAREWELL DINNER AND BARUM BARUM BARUM. NIGHT IN THE HOTEL

DAY 5: SUNDAY 14: RIO DE JANEIRO

BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL. FREE TRANSFER TO AIRPORT AND (SAD) END OF THE 2015 PCC

PARTICIPATION FEES:

€ 990 OR \$1.260

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT UPON REQUEST

PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE ACCORDING TO THE VALUE OF BRAZILIAN REAL (BRL)

* THE BUS/SSES NUMBER DEPEND UPON THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS (MAX 90 PAX)



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IYFR – SAN PAOLO BERTHS – POST CONVENTION CRUISE



DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 10: SAN PAOLO/PARATY/ANGRA

MEETING AT WZ JARDIN HOTEL IN SAN PAOLO AT 0900 TO LEAVE TO PARATY WITH PRIVATE BUS. (260KM/166MI). PARATY IS A WELL PRESERVED PORTUGUESE COLONIAL (1500–1822) AND IMPERIAL BRAZILIAN (1822–1889) TOWN. IT IS LOCATED ON THE COSTA VERDE (GREEN COAST), A LUSH, GREEN CORRIDOR THAT RUNS ALONG THE COASTLINE OF THE REGION. PARATY HAS BECOME A POPULAR TOURIST DESTINATION IN RECENT YEARS, RENOWN FOR THE HISTORIC TOWN AND THE COAST AND MOUNTAINS IN THE REGION. SCHEDULED ARRIVAL IN PARATY IS AROUND 1200. LUNCH AT RESTAURANT MARGARIDA (DRINKS EXCLUDED) IN THE AFTERNOON GUIDED CITY TOUR IN THE LITTLE CITY. FOLLOWS THE BUS TRANSFER TO ANGRA (96KM/59MI) ALONG THE COST. EVENING ARRIVAL AT VILA GALÈ ECO RESORT SURROUNDED BY A UNIQUE NATURAL LANDSCAPE. CHECK-IN IN THE “ALL INCLUSIVE” ENCHANTING RESORT. DINNER AT THE HOTEL.



DAY 2: THURSDAY 11: ANGRA VILA GALÈ ECO RESORT

FREE DAY TO ENJOY THE RESORT, THE WONDERFUL BEACHES AND ALL THE INCLUDED ACTIVITIES.



DAY 3: FRIDAY 12: ANGRA/ITACURUÇA/RIO DE JANEIRO

BREAKFAST AND CHECK-OUT. AT 09.30 TRANSFER TO THE PORT ITACURUÇA (70KM/43MI) TO BOARD ON A TYPICAL LOCAL BOAT, A SORT A SCHOONER CALLED “SAVERIO” FOR A FULL DAY NAVIGATION ON THE WONDERFUL WATERS OF THE GREEN COAST. DRINKS ARE INCLUDED. LUNCH ASHORE ON AN ISLAND INCLUDED. IN THE AFTERNOON, RETURN TO PORT AND PROCEED WITH THE BUS TRANSFER TO RIO DE JANEIRO (86KM/53MI). CHECK-IN AT W PLAZA COPACABANA BUFFET DINNER (1 DRINK INCLUDED).



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DAY 4: SATURDAY 13 RIO DE JANEIRO

1000 AFTER BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL, GUIDED CITY TOUR VISITING CORCOVADO AND PÃO DE AÇÚCAR (TICKETS INCLUDED). INDEPENDENT LUNCH, SIGHTSEEING, SHOPPING AND RETURN TO THE HOTEL.

2000 FAREWELL DINNER AT THE CHURRASCARIA PALACE, DRINKS NOT INCLUDED

DAY 5: SUNDAY 14 RIO DE JANEIRO

MORNING. BREAKFAST, HOTEL CHECK OUT AND INDEPENDENT TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT. END OF THE 2015 PCC



AND HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE TOO AND HAVE FUN TOGETHER!
SERGIO SANTI, INTERNATIONAL COMMODORE 2013-2015



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PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION FORM

IFYR RI CONVENTION SAN PAOLO BERTHS

MEET & GREET and AGM GALA DINNER

5-10 JUNE 2015

POST CONVENTION CRUISE

10-14 JUNE 2015



MAIN REGISTRANT DETAILS	REGISTRANT 2	REGISTRANT 3
Family Name	Family Name	Family Name
First Name	First Name	First Name
Badge/Call Name	Badge/Call Name	Badge/Call Name
Rotary Club / Fleet	Rotary Club / Fleet	Rotary Club / Fleet
Country	Country	Country
Email:	Email:	Email:
Contact Phone/Mobile Number	Contact Phone/Mobile Number	Contact Phone/Mobile Number

ONLY CONGRESS PACKAGE Prices are per room for 5 nights 5 June – 10 June					
HOTEL WZ JARDINS ****	ADVANCE BOOKING* NON REFUNDABLE until Dec the 15 2014 NOT AVAILABLE	STANDARD PRICES REFUNDABLE until March the 15th 2015	Quantity/ AGM OFFICE attendance*	Type of booking (Cross your choice) NOT AVAILABLE	TOTAL € / \$ (Quantity x chosen price)
Executive Double Room (16 sqm cabin)	€ 490 (QUEEN BED) ≈\$ 610 € 530 (TWIN) ≈\$ 661	€ 580 (DOUBLE) ≈ \$ 725		<input type="checkbox"/> Advance <input type="checkbox"/> Standard	
Luxury Double Room (34 Sqm Master Cabin)	€ 570 (QUEEN BED) ≈\$ 710 € 640 (TWIN) ≈\$ 790	€ 680 (DOUBLE) ≈ \$ 850		<input type="checkbox"/> Advance <input type="checkbox"/> Standard	
Luxury Triple Room (40 Sqm crew Cabin)	€ 800 (TRIPLE) ≈\$ 1000	€ 890 (TRIPLE) ≈\$ 1115		<input type="checkbox"/> Advance <input type="checkbox"/> Standard	
Churrascaria (drinks excluded)	€ 40 \$50	€ 50 ≈ \$ 62		<input type="checkbox"/> Advance <input type="checkbox"/> Standard	
AGM OFFICE	Attendance is free of charge	Attendance is free of charge			
AGM Gala dinner	€ 75 \$ 95	€ 85 ≈ \$ 105		<input type="checkbox"/> Advance <input type="checkbox"/> Standard	
TOTAL					€..... \$.....

FLIGHT OPTION Request for a free flight quotation in agreement			
Departure from: Airport	To: San Paolo	Date of Departure ____/____/____	Preferred time: _____
Return flight from: San Paolo	Rio de Janeiro	Class: Economy Business	Frequent Flyer: _____
Note: _____			

PCC PACKAGE Prices are per person attending in double room					
ANGRA, PARATY RIO DE JANEIRO	ADVANCE BOOKING* NON REFUNDABLE NOT AVAILABLE	STANDARD PRICES REFUNDABLE until March the 15th 2015	Quantity	Type of booking (Cross your choice) NOT AVAILABLE	TOTAL € / \$ (Quantity x chosen price)
Participation Fee	€ 880 \$1110	€ 990 \$ 1260		<input type="checkbox"/> Advance <input type="checkbox"/> Standard	
Single Supplement	€ 330 ≈\$ 415	€ 380 \$ 480		<input type="checkbox"/> Advance <input type="checkbox"/> Standard	
TOTAL					€..... \$.....

EUROPE SPECIAL CONGRESS PACKAGE FLIGHT INCLUDED FROM ROME, ITALY (FCO) Prices per person in double room 4 June – 11 June (or 14 June from Rio de Janeiro) Connection flights available in agreement					
HOTEL WZ JARDINS ****	ADVANCE BOOKING* NON REFUNDABLE NOT AVAILABLE	STANDARD PRICES REFUNDABLE until March the 15th 2015	Quantity	Type of booking (Cross your choice) NOT AVAILABLE	TOTAL € / \$ (Quantity x chosen price)
Executive Double Room	€ 880	€ 1040		<input type="checkbox"/> Advance <input type="checkbox"/> Standard	
Luxury Double Room	€ 960	€ 1120		<input type="checkbox"/> Advance <input type="checkbox"/> Standard	
Churrascaria (drinks excluded)	€ 40	€ 50		<input type="checkbox"/> Advance <input type="checkbox"/> Standard	
AGM OFFICE	Attendance is free of charge	Attendance is free of charge			
AGM Gala dinner	€ 75	€ 85		<input type="checkbox"/> Advance <input type="checkbox"/> Standard	
Supplement Airport Tax/Fuel (subject to change +/-)	€ 390	€ 390			
TOTAL					€.....

*The "advance booking" offer is valid until December 15th, 2014, or on completion of the room stock, whichever comes first. The offer will be on a first come, first served basis. **AT THE MOMENT, AFTER DEC 15th THIS OPTION IS NOT AVAILABLE ANY MORE**

INSURANCE COVERAGES

An additional insurance is strongly recommended to avail of the insurance arrangements, which have been put in place by Agriscambi Tour or comparable insurance cover. It is possible to issue a variety of Insurance Coverage regarding all needs from health coverage to a full cancellation coverage. International Regulation obliges to have the contracts issued in the Country of residence. We suggest to check on line the difference options offered in your Country. The prices may vary between the 3% to 6% of the total cost of the trip and it is usually issued within 24 hours from the date of the official confirmation of the trip. (We can provide the link to a suggested Insurance Company for a lot of Countries upon request).

BOOKING AND CANCELLATION

As this is a special group reservation, payment conditions apply: your booking is not confirmed until the payment is received by Agriscambi Tour Operator and you receive a confirmation. Agriscambi srl accepts payments by bank transfer or credit cards: Visa, MasterCard and American Express: A minimum deposit of 30% of the total amount per booking is required for Agriscambi srl to reserve space for you; another 30% is required by February 1st, 2015; final payment is due by March 31st 2015. the NON REFUNDABLE ADVANCE BOOKING rate payment is required in full at the moment of booking. (i.e. 100% Cancellation Charge levied from time of booking). All registration cancellations are subject to a US\$50 service fee. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Italy.

Easy terms of payment are available on request.

CANCELLATION MADE WITHIN	CANCELLATION FEE
30 Days Prior to Departure Date	100% of Total Price
31-75 Days Prior to Departure Date	75% of Total Price
76-90 Days Prior to Departure Date	50% of Total Price
91-120 Days Prior to Departure Date	30% of Total Price
121 or More Days Prior to Departure Date	0% of Total Price
Apply where suitable and not different indicated	

Important

After sending the "Preliminary Registration Form" to the email IYFRSanPaolo@agriscambi.com, the sender will receive back a summary of the requested booking together with a copy of the payment form (bank transfer or credit card). A minimum deposit of 30% is requested to validate the booking. In case of a NON-REFUNDABLE room in Sao Paulo is requested the total amount of the chosen hotel room, that it will be communicate on the reply at request booking. When the booking is done, a confirmation email will be sent with all the details.

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By signing, I declare my interest to participate to the IYFR RI CONVENTION SAN PAOLO BERTHS Program from June 5th to June 10th 2015, and/or to the PCC from June 10th to June 14th 2015, I confirm I have read, understood and agree with the main programs attached and the reported notices. I am aware that the prices specified on this form are subject to availability of the hotels in the program at the time of my confirmation, and are still susceptible to fluctuations deriving from the exchange rates.

Main Registrant's Signature

Name (please print)

Date (dd/mm/yy)

Note:



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Amendments to General Rules

Proposed Changes to the General Rules

2. RELATION TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL.

Pursuant to the COP Article 43.010, IYFR is not an agency of, or controlled by RI but shall be organized in accordance with RI policy. IYFR is an independent not for profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Washington, USA and is incorporated in any Country of the World where this is deemed necessary by the incoming IC or the EC for banking facility.

4. MEMBERSHIP

4.1.2 *Honorary Members*: former or active Rotary Members, their spouses or partners and spouses or partners of deceased Rotarians, when designated by a Fleet.

~~4.1.3 *Honorary Independent Members*: former Rotary Members, their spouses or partners and spouses or partners of deceased Rotarians, when designated by the EC.~~ E-Fleet members (EM): active Rotarians and Rotaractors along with their spouses or partners that are not assimilated to any Fleet who will engage with the Fellowship through social media networks.

4.2 A member of IYFR shall either be a Regular Member, a Honorary Member (HM) or E-Fleet Member (EM).

4.7 The following leadership positions may only be held by active Rotarians: IC, IVC, IRC, AC, RC and FC. ~~The position of FC shall be held by an active Rotarian.~~ Subject thereto, any member, including honorary members, may serve as a member of the International Bridge. In exceptional case, upon recommendation of the pertinent RC, the position of FC may be held by a HM with the approval of the EC.

5. RECORDS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

5.5 Financial records, in accordance with US Internal Revenue Service requirements and the requirements of the Countries where IYFR is registered and incorporated, must be kept for 5 years from the date the original return is filed.

7. REGIONS , FLEETS AND SQUADRONS ORGANIZATION

7.2 Fleets. Twenty or more Members may organize and apply for approval as a 'Chartered Fleet'. A Fleet's name shall be descriptive of a geographic feature where it is located. The FC shall be the primary contact person with the International Bridge through RC and AC. Members that are unable to join a Fleet because of lack of proximity to a nearest fleet are temporarily berthed in the World E-Fleet until such time that they are assimilated to a Fleet or are able to build a new Squadron and eventually a new Fleet.

8. THE COLLEGE OF PAST INTERNATIONAL COMMODORES

8.1 The College of Past International Commodores (CPC) is composed of all Past International Commodores provided that they remain members of IYFR. The outgoing IC becomes the Immediate Past International Commodore (IPIC) and Chair of the CPC. In normal circumstances the CPC shall act in an advisory capacity and shall, whenever possible, make themselves available upon request to all Fleet and International Officers.

8.2 In exceptional circumstances as the event of an International or Fleet Officer taking a serious and well-founded concern about any aspect of the operation, administration or finances of IYFR to the CPC (having first taken this matter to the International Bridge and got no satisfaction), the CPC shall act in an oversight capacity. The CPC shall investigate and take any action, if considered necessary, to rectify this concern. In these circumstances the CPC decisions shall be by simple majority vote, with the CPC having the authority to direct the International Bridge regarding any action to rectify this concern. On matters of serious concern the CPC shall be the highest authority in IYFR and their decision shall be final.



10. BANKING & ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES.

Accounts shall be maintained in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and applicable law where the accounts are held. The IYFR main account can be opened wherever in the world, but consideration should be taken in maintaining it in a suitable Country so as not to lose money in transferring it from place to place every other year when there is a new command. Incorporation expenses, the deriving annual fees and the reporting requirements are borne by the IYFR Region where and until the account is maintained there.

GLOSSARY AND MEANINGS:

"IM" Independent Member of IYFR, one who is not a Member of a Fleet also "Member at Large"

"HM" Honorary Member

"EM" World E-Fleet Member

"Squadron", a division of an established fleet formed in accordance with the General Rules

Proposed Changes to the Procedures and Regulations

INTERPRETATION & DEFINITIONS

~~"IM"~~ **"EM"** means a Member of IYFR, ~~one who does not~~ belongs to the World E-Fleet.

"HM" Honorary Member

"FO" Fleet Officer, an Officer of a fleet such as Fleet Secretary or Treasurer or Chaplain or Surgeon etc. that the FC may so assign)

"Squadron", a limited group of Rotary Mariners

"SC" Squadron Captain, leader of a Squadron

"SO" Squadron Officer, an assistant of Squadron Captain that he may so assign like a Squadron Secretary or Treasurer etc.

4. MEMBERSHIP

4.1.2. ~~With these exceptions, and consistent with the COP, non-Rotarians may not be members of the Fellowship.~~

(Note: Please refer to the GR 4.5, 4.6, 4.7)

7. REGIONS , FLEETS AND SQUADRONS ORGANIZATION

7.5.1. A Fleet Squadron is a division of an established Fleet. Fleets may organize Squadrons, of less than twenty ten members in geographic areas, in order to support and encourage IYFR membership growth and future Fleet development.

7.5.2. The position of Squadron Captain shall be recognized as the leader of any such Squadron organized within a Fleet .

13. AMENDMENT OF IYFR GR AND IYFR PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS

13.2.1. Only in the year before each change of the administration, it shall be formed a Council on Legislation to review these P&R; it shall be composed by the College of PICs, the Executive Committee, the incoming Chief of Staff, and the Area Commodores. Chaired by the incoming IC, this C o L shall review these P&R and may propose amendments and bring forward those coming from the Fleets and endorsed by the respective Fleet Commodores and their RC (if any). Any one of the said Officers can propose changes and revisions.



APPENDIX B – PAST INTERNATIONAL COMMODORES

2011-2013	Clint Collier*	San Francisco (USA)
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Proposed Changes to IYFR Flags, Uniforms and Boating Practice

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Members should keep in mind that IYFR does not intend to enforce the use of some of the formal attires here described like the ones of fig 25, 26 and 27; their use is admitted in particular circumstances and in particular some Countries where local traditions calls for them and also in these occasions, the use is restricted to events where no foreign invited IYFR Member is taking part.

Pennants, Broad Pennants and Burgees:

1.1.2.5. Fleet Officer Burgees shall have two gold balls centered along the hoist

Fig. 4

(Note to be added)



Fleet Officer

1.2 Epaulets (or Shoulder Boards)

1.2.1.1.3. Fleet Rear Commodore epaulets have one gold star placed where the top most star of a Fleet Commodore epaulet is placed.

1.2.1.1.4. Squadron Captain epaulets have three gold balls, the middle ball centered on the epaulet and the other two centered in the space between the neck and shoulder, respectively.

1.2.1.1.5. Fleet Officer epaulets have two gold balls centered on the epaulet.

1.2.1.1.6. Squadron Officer epaulets have one gold ball centered on the epaulet.

Fig. 5

(Note to be added)



Fleet Officer



Squadron Leader



Grants Update

By: PIC Bryan Skinner
International Grants Chair

There are 16 applications that have been received by the respective Area Commodores which the Grants Chair is expected to receive with the A3 recommendations after their evaluation.

2015 Grant Applications	Project Brief Description or Title	Project Cost	Applied Grant	Other Funding Source
AREA 1				
1. Slovenia Fleet	3 Day Sailing Therapy Project for Handicapped Children	US\$8,000	US\$2,000	US\$6,000
2. Germany North East	Technical Equipment for Training Disabled Sailors	US\$3,870	US\$3,000	US\$970
3. Germany North East	Equipment for CE Certification for Tall Ship Taking Disabled	US\$16,750	US\$3,500	US\$13,250
4. GB & I South West	Provide Weekend Sailing for Visually Impaired People	US\$1,570	US\$1,570	-
5. GB & I Suffolk	Sailing Barge Trip for Young Disabled People	US\$5,000	US\$3,000	US\$2,000
6. Madrid	Repair of Engine in Paediatric Ambulance in Kenya	US\$9,586	US\$1,586	US\$8,000
7. GB & I East of Scotland	Replacement of Lifejackets for Disabled People in Barge Trips	US\$8,200	US\$2,000	US\$6,200
8. GB & I Thames	Sponsor Trips for Disabled on Specially Adapted Boat on Thames	US\$1,100	US\$1,100	-
AREA 2				
1. Chilean Fleet	Sail School for Sea Scouts of Chile	US\$2,200	US\$2,000	US\$200
2. Punta del Este Fleet	Scholarship to Tall Ship Race	US\$2,000	US\$2,000	-
3. San Francisco Fleet	PICYA Wheelchair Regatta	US\$6,000	US\$2,000	US\$4,000
4. Newport Harbor Fleet	New Harbor Monthly Water Cleanup	US\$4,500	US\$1,440	US\$3,060
AREA 3				
1. Queensland Fleet	New Crane for Sailability Goldcoast	US\$3,400	US\$3,400	-
2. Western Australia Fleet	New Sails for Bella Vita for Sailability WA	US\$3,000	US\$2,000	US\$1,000
3. Cubao West Fleet	IYFR/PNRC Water Ambulance and Ferry in Boracay	US\$9,000	US\$5,500	US\$3,500
4. Subic Bay Fleet	Sailing Program for Livelihood and Paraw for Zambales Indigenous Tribe	US\$7,000	US\$3,500	US\$3,500

In the meantime, the Grants seem to be getting out of hand so I will try to explain how it evolved.

IYFR was created as an extension to Rotary, and as it has rightly been said before, was not intended to be for fundraising. All that should be done with your Rotary Club.

In my time, the subscription fee of \$10 a head, has not been changed, and in years gone by every dollar was needed to run IYFR.

However, in recent times, with the advent of Computers, money which was spent on postage etc. collected in our funds. When I was IC. It was decided that as we had collected over \$30,000 in excess of our requirements, we would ask the Fleets if there were any worthy causes in their Area, which could benefit from our help with this excess money.

Of course money is still required to run IYFR so we have limited excess, but decided to divide the money between the 3 Areas, according to the number of paid up members in each area.

In September 2014, I was informed that there were in Area1 1,836 members, Area2 626 members, and Area 3 747 members. There was \$30,000 available between all the Areas. I took it on myself to round the figures up to Area1 \$17,000, Area2 \$6,000, and Area 3 \$7,000. Needless to say only Fleets with updated or current dues are eligible to apply for the Grants.

I have asked each Area Commodore with their local knowledge, to receive applications, and select those whom he would recommend for their Areas, up to the limit allowable. The International Grants Committee will make the final decision. All applications should be relevant to a local Fleet wishing to help some boating cause in their vicinity, remembering that Rotary already helps many causes.

Last year a different decision was made due to the terrible circumstances of the Hurricane in the Philippines, which injured and destroyed so many boating communities, but this was a 'one off decision'

I re-iterate that IYFR Grants are not an annual occurrence, unless there are excess funds available.



In Memoriam



Albert vaarwel...

IN MEMORY of ALBERT THEO VAN KRANEN

On the 11th of December 2014, our beloved commodore Albert van Kranen, unexpectedly passed away. Shortly after a successful bypass surgery a CVA struck him and nothing could be done about it anymore. The Bridge was informed by his good friend and co-sailor Ytzen van der Werff. We have then spoken on the phone with Albert's daughter Minouche, whom we know from several IYFR-occasions at which she normally accompanied her father, such as our 25th anniversary last year at the SS Rotterdam.

Albert is leaving behind two daughters with their partners and two grandsons. Immense grief and bewilderment predominates their small family, that only recently lost their mother and Albert's wife, Heleen.



For years Albert has been a passionate sailor - often taking along his family - starting as a child in a small dinghy. The size of his ships incrementally increased as time went by; in subsequent years he sailed a Lemmeraak (traditional Dutch yacht). Many of us have heard of their latest yacht, the 'Belle Hélène', a Catalina 46. After his wife passed away in 2011, he tend to sail that particular yacht alone, set sail for lengthy voyages, on which he occasionally returned back to the Netherlands to attend numerous IYFR- gatherings. During our IYFR-gatherings he never failed to remarkably, yet abstemiously tell us about his journeys, and the indispensable adversity, which he inevitably sometimes encountered, such as the failure of his autopilot on his way back from Denmark.

Albert had been a Rotarian for almost 20 years and felt very much at home in our IYFR-fellowship. Many of us will cherish warm memories of the pleasant interactions they had with him, his peaceful performance and solution-oriented nature. As a member of the Northeast fleet, he therefore rightly became fleet commodore, which henceforth also resulted in him becoming Commodore of the Netherlands Bridge. We know that Albert was very well pleased with that role, as seen at the latest AGM in November. In our hearts his pleasant way of taking action will always linger, but mostly the amiable, individual conversations, which he had with many of us. With a heavy heart we wish his daughters and their families all the best.

On behalf of the Netherlands Bridge,
Freerk de Vries, acting Commodore
Evert van der Stroom, Secretary



AREA 1 NEWS

The Great Italian Fellowships Meet



Between April the 24th and 26th in Naples, Sorrento and Capri, IYFR will be a part of a huge event: all the Italian Fellowships will meet there for a 3 days' **HAVE FUN, FUN, FUN**. The Meeting is open worldwide and is to be considered as the IYFR AREA 1 2015 AGM (also if taking place with a few months in advance on the standard schedule).



The weather conditions should be ideal for real sailing in the enchanting Gulf of Naples.

At the moment the general program is still underway also because for the luckiest there might be a chance in the following days to witness to the Charter Ceremony of the first Greek Fleet and attend to the related events. IYFR program could be as follows:

- APRIL 23 early independent arrivals.
- 24 mass arrivals – Hotel and Meet & Greet Pizza and wine in one of the most famous Neapolitan Pizzeria, that is located at walking distance from the convenient Hotel.
- 25 early hydrofoil ride to Sorrento where we embark on chartered yachts for a day cruise in the Gulf of Naples.

Gala dinner in the night. Alternate programs/ sightseeing/shopping for the Ladies or those not too eager to sail.



- 26 Private ferry to tour the Gulf. Farewell Lunch in a most renowned restaurant of the coast. Free dinner.
- 27 Programs to go for those remaining in Naples. Pompei/Ercolano visit. More sailing?



- 28 transfer to Corfu/Athens/Thessaloniki (yet to be decided). Meet & Greet with the Greek Fleet, Hotel... wherever we land.
- 29 sightseeing/sailing or programs with the Greek Fleet/District/local Club.
- 30 as day 29, to be decided in accordance with the Greek Fleet
- MAY 01 Charter and Gala dinner.
- 02 Flight/ferry/drive back home or remaining there if so individually desired.

At the moment we are waiting for our Greek Friends to finalize their programs.

And **THIS IS ALL BY NOW** so.... **SAVE THE DATE!**





From Norfolk VA to Sicily

Everyone has their Everest and to short hand sail the Atlantic was mine.

By: FM Alan Thilo

It is never too late, I managed the crossing at the age of 71. Success depends on in the belief that you can do it and thorough preparation. I selected a sturdy encapsulated keel boat, the Slocum 43 and to ensure that we could not be thrown the full width of the cabin, I installed a commercial fishing down the cabin. I believed it was necessary to have state of the art, navigation, AIS transponder, communication, and safety equipment on board. So as to be visible at night I replaced the spreader lights with LED flood lights, which were left on all of the night. Twice passing freighters thanked us for being so clearly visible at 12 miles. They said we looked like a Christmas tree. Collision Regulations do allow this as 'being seen' is paramount, and more important than the small loss of night vision. Redundancy of equipment is absolutely necessary. I think passive systems such as wind vane and solar cells, are best. In addition to the HF, a satellite phone and modem were essential for communication and weather data downloads. The boat had so many aerals I feared the US coast Guard may have thought we were a N Korean spy sailing boat!!



On long ocean voyages things break, and they did. The windex and wind speed gauge, the main fridge, one of the depth finders, the engine alternator, and the head sail shackle pin all failed. The last two we managed to repair at sea. In a storm the main 30kg anchor captive device broke. The anchor was thrown off its mount, partially puncturing the hull just below the scrubbers. Our passage plan was to leave Norfolk Virginia, and sail a NE-NNE course to above the 40th parallel. We hoped this would reduce the risk of encountering Tropical storms and Hurricanes. However, three and a half days out, we found ourselves on the northern edge of a Hurricane that suddenly reformed SW of us and tracked NE. Fortunately, as it passed to our south, it turned into a deep tropical depression/line storm. The wind and seas then quickly died and for two and a half days it was like a mill pond.



We were glad of the advice "take plenty of diesel as you have to keep the boat moving or the rigging will suffer". After that, the weather was a series of winds building to 30 -35 Kts over 24 hours followed by up to 60 hours of calm, as the weather centre passed in a NE direction south of us.



Exhausted small sea birds visited us. They tried to hide anywhere that protected them from the winds. One morning I was woken up by two of them pecking at my neck as they snuggled down in the warmth of my pillow.





As we passed above the Azores, a storm from the NW with 35+Kn headwinds and seas building to 6+m hit us. As the weather forecast was for even stronger winds and seas, we ran for the Island of Flores and sheltered there for 3 days. However, we needed to continue and sailed into headwinds for Terceira Island where 35 days and 200 engine hours after leaving Norfolk we provisioned and refueled. The weather from the Azores to Gibraltar was much kinder for 7 days, but as we approached the Straights the wind suddenly changed to an easterly blowing 30+ Kts, driving us back to Cadiz where we were storm bound for 9 days. In Cadiz my crew mate had to leave me to return to the USA so, single handed I sailed to Barcelona where I was joined by Maurizio Caccialupi from the IYFR.



Together we sailed through Menorca to Cagliari, Sardinia, where we sheltered from bad weather for 3 days. Birds are the animal I will always associate with reaching my Everest! Yes, yet again we were visited, this time by a pair of lost exhausted Belgium registered homing pigeons. They settled on the boat as we were sailing to Sardinia. They were only too happy to accept water and seeds and having recovered left us two days later after we anchored in the morning. From Cagliari we sailed to Monastir, Tunisia, to organise the winter berth. Maurizio left me to return to Nice. I made some repairs in Monastir and then sailed for Trapani. An unexpected electrical storm system developed as I neared Sicily, so I sheltered for two days in the lee of Favignana. I was grateful for the berth arranged for me by IC Sergio Santi in Trapani where, my wife, Elisabeth, joined me.

In Trapani we hired a car and visited the historical sites of Erice, Segesta and Marsala. We then sailed to Palermo, where PFC Vincenzo Autolitano welcomed us and found us a very good mooring in the harbour, close to the historic centre of Palermo. After a few days we sailed onto Cefalu, and onwards to the Eolie Islands where we spent some days on very crowded anchorages. After circumnavigating Stromboli we sailed to Messina, Giardini-Naxos just S of Taormina, and then onto Catania where Italy RC Luigi Falanga had organised us a berth. Our next and final port of call in Sicily, was Siracusa where we spent 4 days exploring the old city and the splendid museum.

Here again, the Sicilian branch of the IYFR was helpful in the person of SC Mario Costa.

We cannot thank the IYFR enough for all the support we received this year in the Mediterranean. I wish to thank my brother Michael who encouraged us to join the IYFR and in particular, IC Sergio Santi for his support and help in making contact with the Sicilian IYFR people who assisted us in securing berths in Palermo, Catania, and Siracusa.





The First Greek Fleet Official Announcement in Thessaloniki

By: Zeev Matar
IC Special Assistant
Middle East

The absence of a Greek Fleet among our International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians and especially in Area 1, had seemed to me, as a new member of the Israeli Fleet, a big loss.

It was more than obvious for me personally that there is a need to have among our Rotarian Fellowship in the Mediterranean sea our Greek Rotarian friends, adding them officially within IYFR as the messengers of the glorious sailing heritage since old centuries.



The initiative of "I have a dream" for the creation of the First Greek Fleet had been accepted with great joy by our International Commodore 2013-2015 Sergio Santi. My dear Italian friend had strengthened the "move" and shared the vision to find our fleets sailing to Greece, as him sailing to the sea of Greece in command of the famous Amerigo Vespucci the tall school ship of the Italian Military Navy.



With a great help of PDG 2470 Katerina Kotsali-Papadimitriou and PDG 2484 Aris Zachos, the sailing "regatta" started with deep enthusiasm and conviction to

promote the idea within District 2470 & District 2484 with the goodwill of late PDG 2470 PDG John Constandinides.



The official announcement of the creation of the First Greek Fleet had taken place at The Met Hotel during the Rotary Public Image Regional Seminar held at Thessaloniki on the 29th November 2014.

In presence of wonderful Rotarians gathering from Greece, Turkey, Romania and Bulgaria a short speech was given by me in English while the incoming first Commodore PDG 2484 Aris Zachos had addressed his speech in Greek to the public audience.

On behalf of our International Commodore Sergio Santi I offered his special Burgee to DG 2484 Kostas Karvounis, PDG 2470 Katerina Kotsali-Papadimitriou and PDG 2484 Aris Zachos while warm greetings had been addressed to Public Relations Officer in the IYFR International Bridge and Region Commodore Selda Gerson from Turkey.

Thanks to my Greek Rotarian friends, who shared with me the idea that my IYFR mission was to bridge the divides between people so that the sea can unite nations which the oceans separate.

Welcome to the First Greek Fleet chartering members among our International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians sharing our ideals, looking forward for the Chartering Ceremony which will take place in Greece in May 2015.



AREA 2 NEWS

Marine Scouts Instruction



Instrucción Scouts Marinos

By: Angelica Mesistrano
Regional Commodore
Punta del Este Fleet

Instrucción Scouts Marinos
Flota Chile Puertos Varas

Se efectuó una planificación previa del viaje en conjunto con los padres y los Scouts. El día Viernes 3 de Octubre se embarcaron a bordo del Terranova 18 Scouts que fueron llevados por sus padres con la correspondiente autorización.

Los Scouts estaban a cargo de la alimentación y fueron integrantes de ambas patrullas, los que se turnaron para las comidas y desayunos. Se zarpó a las 4:30 AM rumbo al fiordo Quintupeu, en la Patagonia chilena, fiordo en donde se escondió el acorazado alemán Dresden fugitivo después del combate de Las Malvinas en la Primera Guerra Mundial, de hecho se fondeó frente a la cascada en la que el acorazado se procuraba el agua.

Durante la navegación se instruyó a las patrullas en turnos rotativos en Cartografía, Navegación, obligaciones de una tripulación, se nombraron vigías de estribor y babor, timonel, encargado de radio que debían anotar en la bitácora de viaje las novedades, avistamiento de otras naves, puntos geográficos determinantes. Se instruyó a los Scouts en Reanimación Cardio Pulmonar Básica. Antes de llegar a nuestro segundo fondeadero el Sábado 4 en Caleta Isla Tranquila donde se hicieron competencias de kayacs entre patrullas, instrucción de manejo de un Zodiac, en la noche se hizo una competencia de sketches entre patrullas con algún tema mariner que resultaron muy entretenidos, el día Domingo 5 se visitó una Lobería en Cahuemó, antes de retornar a Puerto Montt, arribando

Marine Scouts Instruction
Chile Puerto Varas Fleet

A pre-trip planning in conjunction with parents and Scouts were performed. On Friday October 3 embarked aboard the Terranova 18 Scouts who were brought by their parents with permission.

The Scouts were in charge of food and were members of both patrols, which turns meals and breakfasts. He sailed at 4:30 am heading Quintupeu Fjord in Chilean Patagonia fjord where the German battleship Dresden fugitive after combat Malvinas in World War II, in fact hid himself was anchored off the waterfall in the battleship obtained water for survival and his crew.

During sailing to patrols were instructed rotating shifts in cartography, navigation, duties of a crew, lookouts starboard and portside, boat, commissioned radio should write the news, watching other ships in the log books, determining geographic locations, the Scouts were instructed in basic cardio pulmonary resuscitation. before reaching our second anchorage on Saturday 4 in Caleta Quiet Island kayaks where competitions between patrols, driving instruction became a Zodiac, Scouts did, between patrols, sketches some sailor theme which were very entertaining, on Sunday 5 was visited one Lobería in Cahuemó, before returning to Puerto Montt, arriving after lunch.





Regatta Galápagos 2014 Cup

By: Angelica Mesistrano
Regional Commodore
Punta del Este Fleet



Nuestra agrupación estuvo presente en la 10° Copa Internacional Galápagos 2014

En la regata 10° Copa Galápagos 2014 participaron 32 embarcaciones, compitieron veleros y catamaranes. Esta regata internacional congregó participantes de Perú, Chile, Colombia, USA y Ecuador. La Copa Galápagos se realiza cada 3 años.

Estas magníficas fotos corresponden al velero Seven Eleven, de Ex Gobernador Rafael Quintero, Vice Comodoro de la flota Guayaquil Ecuador. En este barco ondeó la bandera de nuestra agrupación IYFR.

Hay muchas maneras de disfrutar a Rotary, pienso que la nuestra es la mejor.

Our fellowship was present at the 10th International Galapagos Cup 2014.

In the race 10th Galapagos Cup 2014 there were 32 boats, sailboats and catamarans competed. This international regatta attracted participants from Peru, Chile, Colombia, USA and Ecuador. The Galapagos Cup is held every three years.

These magnificent photos correspond to the sailboat Seven Eleven, Ex Governor Rafael Quintero, Vice Commodore of the Guayaquil Ecuador fleet. In this boat waved the flag of our fellowship IYFR.

There are many ways to enjoy Rotary, I think ours is the best.





Newport Fleet Black Bay Cleanup

By: The Editorial Team

The Newport Fleet of South California is working on an IYFR Grant to help sponsor the monthly Clean Water of the Newport-Irvine Rotary Club. 12 volunteers joined picking up more than 400 Lbs. of debris from the Black Bay on December 6, including a queen bed mattress frame. UC Irvine Rotaract, Billy Dutton & friends from OC College, Tom Lemire and NIRC members joined the event. The next event is scheduled on Saturday Jan 3, 2015.

The Boating Fellowship, Newport Harbor is open to all Rotarians in South California area. [IYFR: International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians] Board: FC/Treas. Roger McGonegal, FVC Hal Barlow, Gary Hickman, Larry LeDoux, Marlene Meyer; Guy Harden, Ken Allen and 30 active members. Please visit and like their FB Webpage www.facebook.com/IYFR.SoCal. .Ed



World E-Fleet Yachting in Greece

By: The Editorial Team

9 Yachts from Russia participated in the Catamaran Race Greece from October 19-23 including the IYFR Russian Squadron led by FC Robert Walton.. They also joined the celebration of International Polio Day on October 24



AREA 3 NEWS

Cruise and AGM in Hong Kong

By: PFC Roger Lingard



Following on from Bali 2012 then Boracay 2013, Area 3 held their 2014 AGM & Dinner in Hong Kong but included the option of time in Shanghai followed by an 8 night cruise, with another option of time in Singapore.

The response was nothing short of amazing with 44 members enjoying pre cruise fellowship in Shanghai at 3 Hotels followed by 50 members participating in a Royal Caribbean Cruise from Shanghai to Singapore with stops at Xiamen, Hong Kong and Saigon.

The AGM and Dinner was organised by the Hong Kong Fleet who did an outstanding job of holding the AGM at the Police Officers Club where 30 members held a productive and informative meeting ably Chaired by RC Graham. Following this 70 lyforians attended a superb dinner at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club which included the 50 from the ship plus members of the Hong Kong Fleet and members from the Philippines who had flown over especially. The night was unbelievable with many impromptu performances supported by a terrific band. The icing on the cake was a coach arranged by the Hong Kong Fleet to ensure all of the passengers made it back to the ship safely. This initiative was very much appreciated by the passengers but we must admit the driver appeared a little scared with so many noisy people on board. Of course the party carried on at the Viking Lounge as we bade farewell to a very happy day and night in Hong Kong.

Life on the ship was relatively passive during the day. Beer-o'clock saw many meet at the Viking Lounge for pre-dinner drinks and announcements. We were well looked after there by Ricky the barman. Dinner followed and while the seating was initially preset, each evening without notice many changed seats to get to know their new mariner friends - fantastic. Following dinner some fell into the trap of stopping at the first bar outside the dining room and staying there til far too late. The cruise was pure unadulterated FELLOWSHIP and heaps of it. We could not have had a better group and that is saying something.

Singapore saw 16 of us enjoy 2 nights which were meant to be wind downs but the party kept going, first night in China Town the next at Circular Quay. Time to go home.

We must of course acknowledge those who allowed this event to happen. First and foremost, without the authority and support of our then AC Jun it could not proceed. Then without the support and assistance, before and during the event, of the RC's it would not have been as well attended or as successful. As the organiser I was doing what I love most and that is planning, but no man is an island and without the support of Glenda and the unbelievable time and effort put in by Kylee Graham along with the backing of the South West Western Australian Fleet it would not have been the same outcome.

Roger Lingard
Cruise Director Extrodanair

PS: Tasmania is on in February 2015 with a great turnout - well done. PCC San Paulo June 2015 - good luck. New Zealand January 2016 next A3 AGM, pencil it in the Kiwis' know how to party. South Korea next PCC June 2016.

Remember - IF YOU NEVER, NEVER GO YOU WILL NEVER, NEVER KNOW!





Hong Kong Fleet Outing

By: Douglas Hsia
PFC Hong Kong Fleet

Summer heat is quietly slipping away, on the perfect Sunday, October 26, two yachts bearing the banner of IYFR sailed out with altogether 28 IYFRians. DDS Bee's Pixie, a young modern 60 footer effortlessly carrying 20 people. Pixie's companion is Lady Cat, a meticulously restored what they call gentleman's boat, native of Florida water from the circa 1920's. You have to see it to believe it what Rtn Peter Lau of RC of Hong Kong has paid attention to the details and ingenuity in the restoration.

Our outing is graced by PDG Ada and DGN Eric and his better half Christine. Commodore Chris has delivered another seemingly effortless outing but behind the scene, painstaking details including wind and current to ensure a smooth ride for everyone. After sumptuous seafood, strolling along the promenade of Silver Mine Bay. This is the ultimate fellowship experience. For more information about the Hong Kong Fleet please visit and like their FB at <https://www.facebook.com/iyfrhk>. Ed.



Sailability Gold Coast

By: PFC Stan Philips
Gold Coast Fleet



Sailability Queensland now has eleven active branches. Sailability Gold Coast, which opened in 1999, was the first branch, and we use the Hollywell facilities of the Southport Yacht Club. At the time we started we had two volunteers, one 2.2 Access dinghy and one disabled client. Today our main sailing day is held on Tuesday each week when we usually accommodate some 80 - 100 clients, with Thursdays reserved for training, tuition and repairs & maintenance. We work right through the year apart from about four weeks at Christmas with no breaks for school holidays etc. We accept disabled people with all manner and degrees of difficulty and we have devised several methods of welcoming and accommodating them including the more profoundly disabled.

All our workers are volunteers, most of them are retirees and they bring all manner of skills and experience to assist our work. You will appreciate that to handle so many people in a few hours requires a good deal of "on the spot organisation", allocating each person to their preferred type of boat, making sure that they are correctly fitted with the right size life jacket, and supplying a sling if they need to be lifted by one of our four cranes and that is just the start. Our volunteers play no part in the nursing or feeding etc of our clients but we always escort them to their boat and we load them into the boats and of course out again and back into their wheelchairs when they return. All of our volunteers seem to have found a part of this action which they enjoy and we do not require any-



one shouting orders or blowing whistles, it just happens and we all sleep well that night.

Our fleet currently consists of:-2 x 7.4 meter Salvo yachts licensed to carry 9 persons Both yachts and two of our Dolphins carry special seats for more profoundly disabled clients.

3 Savage Dolphin boats, one is used as a motor boat and two are rigged as yachts and all are licensed to carry 9 persons.

We have 12 Access 303 dinghies with two set up with power assisted controls and all capable of carrying hard seats for persons needing support. These seats can be especially useful for solo sailing.

We have 2 Access 2.2 dinghies with two of them set up for power assisted sailing.

We have one Walker Bay dinghy on trial which is set up to carry two passengers and one skipper.

We have two Liberty dinghies both equipped with power assisted controls.

And of course we have a high powered rigid inflatable support boat which is always first boat into the water and last boat out.

All of our Salvo yachts and Dolphin boats and the support boat are fitted with two way radios and there are at least three listening bases on shore.

We have a rigidly enforced safety discipline which includes everyone wearing a life jacket when they are on the dock and out in the boats. We have training courses for skippers and crews and no one is allowed to skipper or crew on a boat without passing our courses. We also have ongoing practice drills for man overboard, running aground, reefing sails while at the dock and while out on the water and general boat handling procedures. We are proud to say that in some 14 years of operation we have never had a serious accident but having said that we are always aware that it could happen tomorrow so we keep our guard up.

Throughout the years we have been most successful in enabling people with a disability, even some with acute disabilities, to sail alone in the various dinghies and some use our boats to compete regularly in open company in the yacht club competition. However we have had less success in getting people to regularly sail and crew the

Salvos. To sail the Salvo yacht requires a fair degree of physical strength and mental capacity and from time to time we have enjoyed the participation of people with visual or physical problems but we don't have any regular participants at present. We have visited hospital rehabilitation units and several care facilities and although we have always received a good reception nothing of a lasting nature has ever been achieved. About four years ago we had an enthusiastic enquiry from a group of Sporting Wheelies who wanted to sail with us and we drew up plans to convert a Salvo yacht for use by them. Our plans included the provision of a raised central steering seat with an hydraulic wheel system, an electric start and remote gear selection for the outboard and we also planned to install two raised, forward facing jib handling seats behind the cabin etc but it all fell apart when the SW people suddenly pulled out. However on a brighter side we recently participated in a disability action seminar which produced some good feedback for us. We met a dozen or more people with disabilities who expressed great interest in sailing our yachts but they all had one common problem, during the week they either had full time jobs or were fully committed students. We have approached the Southport Yacht Club and they are fully supportive of our suggestion that we extend our operations to include Saturday mornings to accommodate these people and we will activate this idea after the Christmas break.

On a more generalized basis, over the years we have raised funds and worked to improve the facilities at the yacht club such as installing wheelchair friendly paths, extending the concrete apron, extending the indoor storage area to accommodate all our dinghies, our rescue boat and all our equipment and last year we obtained a grant which allowed us to contribute over \$240,000 towards rebuilding the toilet and shower facilities. All of these improvements have been formally handed over to the Southport Yacht Club.

We are aware that we have strayed from the initial concept of Sailability which was to encourage people with a disability to compete in yacht racing, but we believe that our much broader brush approach allows us to pursue this ideal to the best of our ability but at the same time we are able to encourage and provide the means to allow far more people with disabilities to enjoy time on the water.





Queensland Updates

By: **Bob Greenelsh**
Fleet Secretary



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International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians
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The International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians is a group dedicated to promoting Yachting/Boating as an opportunity for fellowship. This Fellowship operates in accordance with Rotary International policy, but is not an agency of, or controlled by, Rotary International.

Induction of New Members

Commodore Pat Galligan inducted Eddie and Annette Richards and Ken and Christine Clift as new members of the Queensland Fleet. Both Eddie and Ken have served as presidents of their Rotary clubs and Annette has served as a District Governor. As he welcomed Eddie, Annette, Ken and Christine to the Fleet Commodore Pat reminded everyone that IYFR was about "Fun, Fun, Fun on the Sea". Secretary Bob Greenelsh announced that Stuart Reid has tendered his resignation due to health problems. Stuart thanks everyone for their support over the years and wishes all members of the Fleet the best for the future. Stuart and Sylvia signed on with the Fleet on 4 August, 1988 Bob Greenelsh and Bruce Douglas are elected unopposed as secretary and treasurer respectively for 2015-16. A new member, John Odum had also joined the Fleet and will be inducted in the New Year.



VIC. From Shanghai to Singapore everything went according to plan with lots of fun.

Visit to Smartship Australia

PC John Burkett led a team on a visit to the Smartship Simulators operated by Maritime Safety Queensland to train ship pilots and dredge masters maneuvering all types of ships in and out of Queensland ports. The visit started at the Full Mission Bridge simulator where we were on the bridge of a gas tanker departing Gladstone. A 360° field of view revealed the changing scene as the ship is underway.

Wind, tide and visibility can be altered to give the trainees experience in handling different conditions. John Burkett failed the test when he changed the ship's heading and it ran aground. The simulators are also used in the port development process to test the operation of alternative designs. Everyone was very impressed by the state-of-the-art quality of the simulators and John Burkett's vote of thanks to the Smartship Team was warmly endorsed by everyone.

10 Tips in Sailing to the Whitsundays

PC Peter Heathwood had a very interesting talk on sailing to the Whitsundays based on experience gained from doing the voyage more than 20 times. Firstly, Peter favours the NE channel for departing Moreton Bay because you get out to sea quicker but care is required in navigating the bar. Secondly, whales are tricky and best admired from a distance. Thirdly, conditions are continuously changing at the entrance to Moooloolaba and the coastguards are not much help. Fourthly, Tin Can Bay is a good stopover with lots of inter-



Area 3 AGM and Cruise

Commodore Pat Galligan presented a report on the recent Area 3 AGM and Cruise. The presentation was supported by photographs which clearly showed that everyone was having a great time. The AGM was chaired by Regional Commodore Grahame Werrell. Pat noted that the proposed IYFR Rule Changes are widely supported and it is expected that they will be approved at the Annual Conference. The AGM was hosted by the Hong Kong Fleet and a highlight was the dinner at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. There were 46 IYFR members and first mates aboard *Mariner of the Seas* for the cruise with representatives from Japan, The Philippines, New Zealand and Australia – WA, QLD, NSW and



esting walks and the Wide Bay bar is generally Ok. Fifthly, the main building at the Kingfisher Bay Resort has interesting architectural features and is well worth visiting. Sixthly, it is important to radio Gladstone harbour as you approach because apart from large ships there is a lot of ferry traffic due to construction work. Seventhly, the creeks in The Narrows are navigable but mosquitos are a nuisance. Eighthly, there is a good anchorage near Cape Capricorn. Ninthly, the names of the islands are very descriptive and were well chosen by the early navigators. Tenthly, Island Head Creek is the nicest spot on the coast and the south entrance is recommended and the fishing is good.

Christmas Party

Was held at the Azzura Greens Resort, Hope Island on Sunday 14 December with 27 Members, First Mates and Guests attended. A Big Thank You to Lee Denton for organising. A great location, great food and great friends combined to make a wonderful event. Commodore Pat Galligan made a presentation to Ken Clift celebrating his achievement as a Rotary Foundation Donor

2015 Tasmania Wooden Boat Festival

It has been decided that a team from the Fleet would join the popular Annual Festival and have a short touring holiday in Tasmania in February.



A Message from the Dean

PIC Bert Collins. Durable at 96!



The Dean inducts RC Graham Werrel in 2012 as Fleet Commodore of the Gold Coast Fleet.

SO DEEPLY I would like to return !. Why do you ?.

Because in 1983 I'd advanced to IYFR., Int'l., Commodore = for 1981-2-3 & hereupon a wall in my Den is the "vivid" picture of the "hand-over" to me ex dear Rotary friend of many years Dr., {ex surgeon of WW2}., W {Bill} Thomas of Maryland USA., however, even tho' location remains indelible, I'm now in my 97th., & "under" lots o' medication, travel needs retention to "local areas" . Yes, I am of WW2 also., & a Rotarian mbr., of a Charter Rotary Club of Ulverstone in Tasmania Australia. As of 2013 December, my very dear Rotary friend (since 1972) viz., Robert {Bob} Stuart (PP, Chicago inter alia); who instigated IYFR., in 1968, deceased, thus I've been "Dean of The College of Past Int'l C'dores"; as did Int'l., C'dore., Sergio Santi inform me so in December last; such an honour for me @ 96 !

With cheers to all IYFR., Mbrs.,
A.G.E.{Bert} Collins, Past C'dore., of Gold Coast Fleet in Queenslnd Australia.

Bert is an inspiration to all in our Fleet. Despite his age his memory and wit are as sharp as ever and still attends our monthly dinners if he can co-opt a driver., RC Graham confides. He once wrote IC Sergio before his 96th birthday in October:

"THANK YOU Int'l C'dore., Sergio ! I believe I compre' how overwhelmed you & Laura must be; expressed as I can, having had the experience viz., Int'l., C'dore 1981-23, ex"up thru the ranks" as of 1972 including 22 Int'l., R.I., Annual Conventions & R.I. "World Fellowship Activities" Annual Assemblies inc., IYFR., Changes o'Watch ; held in various countries inc., Rome in 1989, from where 3 omnibusses transported us to Naples then all of us by steamer, to the beautiful Isle of Ischia, where I became Int'l., Vice C'dore & W."Bill" Thomas {USA}; Int'l., C'dore. That "occasion" was arranged by Rotarian "Beppe" Fantacci, IYFR., "C'dore., Europe" & a Mbr., of the Rotary Club of Florence. A "SUPERB" Rotary Int'l., World Fellowship Annual Assembly of and in particular VERY SPECIAL for IYFR ! With sincerest best wishes from Bert Collins. Dean of the College of Past Int'l Commodores, {d.o.b., = 1918 Oct., 3 = tomorrow}.."

Its a great honor to the IYFR to have the durable Dean still very much active and lingering with us..

IC's in the website includes: Earl Brannock 1974-1976 Cambridge USA, Bert Collins 1981-83 Gold Coast Australia, Frank McDonald 1995-97 Glenhaven NSW Australia, Arnold Verkade Westzaan 1997-99 The Netherlands. Ken Winter 2001-03, Auckland, New Zealand, Bill Robinson 2005-2007 Seattle USA, Bryan Skinner 2007-2009, Broads, Great Britain, Terry Stretton 2009-2011 Auckland, New Zealand. Earl seems to be the longest reported living PIC but we have not heard about him. Maybe our friends and the US can check his where about and give us some information?.Ed.



AREA 3 China Sea Cruise on Mariner of the Seas

Complete photos of this and succeeding galleries can be viewed and downloaded from <http://goo.gl/Rr9ZCv>





AGM Functions in Hong Kong

AGM at the Police Officers Club



AGM Dinner at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club





Gold Coast Visit Photo Gallery

Sailability Gold Coast



Gold Coast Fleet Meeting



Museum Visit, Boating and Rodeo





In the last quarter of the year we have had a lot of important issues and activities to tackle and undertake to usher a new year.

Firstly, It has taken IC Sergio, IRC Guillermo, and a dedicated team with perseverance and hard work composed of FT Martin and Renee of Delta, RC Angie of Punta del Este, SA Corrado Perrone and Rtn. Cesare Ortis from Italy to successfully put together an exciting yet affordable package for the RI Convention, Meet and Greet and PCC in Sao Paulo in 2015. I know that it had not been easy as there is reportedly another big event during the convention that made hotel reservations difficult and prices driven up although the affairs are still a long way away. I am just a bit wondering as you maybe that our 29 members strong Sao Paulo Fleet headed by FC Kevin Smith could not have helped or done these arrangements in their own turf instead of by all those aforementioned from distant far. It would probably have made things a lot easier. Anyways the latest information about these is posted in website and printed on pages 5-11 and those who are considering on joining are encouraged to download from the site the Registration Forms at <http://www.iyfr.net/new/content/agma-pcc-2015-booking-form#overlay-context=users/admin>. Note that prices after December 15 have increased so that the sooner for you to finalize your plans and make the booking arrangements the better to avail of the still preferential rates up to March 15. RC Angie is in-charge of the preparation of our Fellowship Booth at the House of Friendship and she will certainly welcome any help in setting it up on June 5, the manning the booth from June 6 to 9 and its eventual taking down at the closing. Please get in touch with her at angimes@gmail.com.

Secondly, as Chair of the GR Amendments Committee I present the latest draft of the proposed amendments in pages 9 to 11. There is a new insertion to the previous draft which is Art. 8.2 that was recently taken up and proposed at the Area 3 AGM in Hong Kong. This has the concurrence of the EC and two PIC's and members of the CPCs who were actually at the A3AGM and endorsed the proposal. This will be circulated to the other CPCs for their accord as well. I personally believe that there is nothing controversial about the proposed amendments that would not be given the unanimous nod of the EC and CPC to be put into question and presented to the membership to a vote. The nagging issue about the IYFR Registration in the USA has been put to rest as banking requirements have now been adequately addressed; with the bank account at Unicredit and Pago Online payment facility in Italy handled by Riccardo Perinotto to service Area 1, Wells Fargo account and Paypal in Kirkland managed by George Futas to service Area 2, and the PCIB account and Credit Card facility in the Philippines managed by Jayson Herrero to service Area 3. With the change in leadership and Bridge the fellowship can also open an account elsewhere as deemed necessary. The proposal will be translated in various major languages for the comprehension of everyone. However, if there are still proposals that anyone might want to introduce, these can be entertained until March 15 whereupon the ballot questions will be sent to the respective Fleets for the FCs by March 30 with the final draft to be published in the next Rotafloat to get the consensus of its members and the Votes casting from April 1-15.

Thirdly, Grants Chair Bryan Skinner will have his hands full at the onset of the year in assessing and allocating the US\$30,000 earmarked funds for the 2014 to the 16 grant applications received from the three Areas. He will get the appraisals and recommendations though from the Area Commodores of the applications received in their respective Areas. IC Sergio envisioned that the Grant is a form of motivation for members and Fleets to pay their dues as the same goes back to them in the form of the Grant. The Grant was also meant to promote the objects of the IYFR in nautical fashion that would benefit more

people and members involvement in line with the principles of Rotary.

Area 3 had completed successful, enjoyable and historic first South China Sea Cruise and this we owe and thanks to cum PIC Cruise Director IPIC Roger Lingard who handled everything perfectly and professionally with Travel Agent Kylee Graham. 44 couples participated in the 8 days cruise from November 4-12. At the same time, the Hong Kong Fleet headed by FC Chris Fung, PFC's Joann Tse, Douglas Hsia, Cassidy Lam and Alice Liu made sure that everybody enjoyed the well-organized AGM at the Police Officer's Club Chaired by RC Graham Werrell. DG Belinda Yeung of District 3450 no less, welcomed the participants and expressed her full support to the Fellowship. All six Regional Commodores from Japan, Philippines, Australia and New Zealand were present and two PIC's Terry Stretton and Ken Winter. Thereafter the AGM Dinner at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club ensued with overflowing drinks, sumptuous food and great entertainment to everyone's delight of wholesome Fun Fun Fun of dancing and music by a wonderful band accompanying DGN Eric Chin and PDG Ada and FM Agnes who gamely sang and entertained the group. The events were simply superb! Everybody could have danced all night but those in the cruise have a ship to catch and were accorded a bus courtesy of FC Chris to make sure that they make it back to the ship on time. Left to enjoy for the remainder of the evening were the Philippine Fleet Mariners who flew in for the affairs and the gracious hosts who practically and literally closed the shop. Our heartfelt gratitude and a big thank you to the most hospitable Hong Kong Fleet.

After disembarkation in Singapore, straight to the airport we flew to Brisbane with the Queensland and Gold Coast cruise delegation to fulfil a promised visit; arriving there in the wee hours of the next morning. We were graciously hosted by Graham and Liz in their beautiful home by the lake in Burleigh Waters. We had the opportunity to visit the Gold Coast Sailability at the South Port Yacht Club and met Stan Philips and his equally dedicated Rotary Mariners who started the program 15 years ago, of giving handicap sailors a taste of sailing. We attended a most pleasant meeting of a lively and active Gold Coast Fleet presided by amiable FC Peter Spurgin and witnessed the induction of their RI D9640 Gov. Wendy Scarlett as Honorary Member with spouse Charles. A wholesome boating trip and lunch at Sanctuary Cove on Bob and Cheryl Moxham's Grand Banks, a visit to the Australian renowned Artist Margaret Olley Museum and admired her famous works and more lunch with the Gold Coast Fleet. A grand night of Rodeo and Dinner Show at the Australian Outback capped the short trip. We sincerely thank Graham and Liz, for putting up with us in our visit, Bob and Cheryl, Bryce and Jenny, FC Peter and Jill to the Gold Coast Fleet for their kind reception. A truly memorable experience that Lil and I truly enjoy and can never forget.

I hate to close on a sad note but may I request for a moment of silence to remember Commodore Albert Theo Van Kranen of the Netherlands Fleet who sailed his final voyage to rendezvous with his Creator on December 11. I have never met him but from what I have read he was well revered and esteemed by his colleagues and certainly his sudden departure was a great loss not only to their Fleet but to the entire Fellowship as well. We offer our sympathy and condolences to his family and Fleet.

A Blessed and Peaceful New Year to All. SAIL ON.

Jun AVECILLA
INTERNATIONAL VICE COMMODORE