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*Set to sail  
to a new horizon...*





## THE COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

*Dear Fellow Mariners,*

Laura and I are just back from two exciting events that will for sure remain in our minds forever. One month ago we had the luck to set foot in Africa, Kenya, to charter in an unknown, up to that time, place named Watamu (in Swahili = Sweet People) three Fleets and a new IYFR Region. The full report from Laura, RC Bill Kosar and me is in the next pages.

The second major event we attended is the last week most friendly GB&I IYFR and IFFR AGM in St Yves (UK) beautifully organized by RC Annette Lewis, where we spent a magnificent week end hosted by PIC Bryan and Chris who also nicely drove us all around the County, after having met us at the most far from their house in Hertford, London Airport. No thanks will ever be enough!

A third event happened at 0130 AM (my CET time) on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March when Jun (his time 0830 AM) and Guillermo (his time 2130 ) happened to be at the same time after our PCs and had the first spontaneous and nonb planned real EC Skypeb Meeting in the IYFR history.

Apart for the deep concern about our Crimea Fleet, we have lost communications, and wishing them all the best for their future, we exchanged the most enthusiastic report ever. Jun had just won all what could be won in his last past fifteen days of regattas: the Subic Bay to Borocay Race, the Borocay Cup and the Division Overall. Then, while confirming that our IYFR relief operation after Yolanda was going on in the best of the ways under every point of view, he told us that the local Rotarians, admired by our action, were forming a new Fleet in the Philippines: the San Remigio Fleet in northern Cebu. Guillermo, who was been waited for dinner, said that finally they had managed to open an IYFR account also in Area 2 so that the Regalia flow could start again. And he also reported the good news of a Squadron, and eventually a Fleet, being born in Chile, where IYFR had never set foot before. I just updated the Area 1 situation, the success that we are having with the brand new World E-Fleet and the excellent synergies created by our lifejackets service in Kenya. There is also a new Squadron in Santander, Region Iberia, while some 20 Spanish Mariners are now visiting Istanbul and the Turkish Region/Fleets.

This is to confirm to all of you that we could not be better set: 5 Fleets already chartered; chartering prior to the next June the Israel, San Remigio, Croatia, Shimanami and Malta Fleets will

bring the total number of the Fleets to 107 in spite of the sad loss of two Fleets in the US Central Region.

Thanks to the enthusiasm and the commitment of a great CoS and a that of a true cosmopolitan International Bridge, things are going on beautifully: George Futas has generously and brilliantly solved the problems connected with the incorporation in the US; Angelica Mesistrano has solved in the best of the ways those connected with the Regalia in Area 2 and in conjunction with Robert Walton have generated the World E-Fleets that gathers all the Members at large of the 3 Areas.

Finances are under positive control by our most efficient International Treasurer André Gorgemans and his Staff even if he and 4 Swiss Mariners are presently sailing from Sicily to the Aegean Islands. In our safe in Turin there are 107.483,45 US\$ and the Regalia in stock in the three Area Stores are worth 26.644,05 US\$.

The 30.000 US\$ of the 2014 IYFR GRANTS plus over 31.000 more US\$ coming from the World Fleets have been completely allocated and we are recharging batteries for the next ones.

Outlook for the future? Absolutely positive my dear Fellow Commodores and Mariners... I could not imagine a better one: we are on the right course and accelerating. Enjoy our Fellowship and have fun while serving!



*A great hug to all of you  
your skip's*



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### About the Cover

**Cisne Branco** which means "white swan" is the elegant tall ship of the Brazilian Navy that took part in the Regatta Latino America 2014 that called Punta del Este on Feb 21-24. The photo was taken and submitted by FC Angie Mesistrano who witnessed the glorious celebration with her fleet as majestic tall ship heads out to sea in auxiliary propulsion sans its glorious sails.



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## The New Regalia Order Form

Regalia ordering is now as easy as ever and has been decentralized in to the 3 Areas of the IYFR to minimize expensive movement of goods Members should log in at [www.iyfr.net/new/regalia](http://www.iyfr.net/new/regalia) and click to download the Regalia Ordering Form, fill the order and send it to the respective regalia officers: Area 1 [laura.padoan.santi@alice.it](mailto:laura.padoan.santi@alice.it) cc [sergio.santi@iyfr.it](mailto:sergio.santi@iyfr.it) Area 2: [angimes@gmail.com](mailto:angimes@gmail.com) cc: [guillermo.arteta@gmail.com](mailto:guillermo.arteta@gmail.com) Area 3: [che\\_villa@yahoo.com](mailto:che_villa@yahoo.com) cc [jeajr.selmagroup@gmail.com](mailto:jeajr.selmagroup@gmail.com) . Payment by telegraphic transfer or credit card in Area 1 but arrangements are being made for credit card facilities in the other two Areas and will be available soon. Those attending the Sydney convention may please pre-order so that they can be hand carried and avoid the shipment cost.

ITEM	Price (\$)	Quantity	Total (\$)
<b>IYFR Caps</b>			
Winter	15.00		
Summer	20.00		
Officer	20.00		
Standard	20.00		
<b>Polo Shirts</b>			
Size M	20.00		
Size L	20.00		
Size XL	20.00		
Size 2XL	20.00		
Size 3XL	20.00		
Size 4XL	20.00		
<b>Uniform White shirt (Shoulder Straps)</b>			
<b>ITEM</b>			
Polyester/Cotton, Men	14%	S	30.00
	15%	M	30.00
	16%	L	30.00
	17%	XL	30.00
	18%	2XL	30.00
Polyester/Cotton Ladies	19%	3XL	30.00
	20%	4XL	30.00
	8	ES	30.00
	10	S	30.00
	12	M	30.00
Polyester/Cotton short sleeves	14	L	30.00
	16	XL	30.00
	18	XXL	30.00
	20	XXXL	30.00
<b>Officer Epaulettes</b>			
<b>ITEM</b>			
Fleet Commodore	20.00		
Past Fleet Commodore	20.00		
Fleet Vice Commodore	20.00		
Fleet Rear Commodore	20.00		
Squadron Captain	20.00		
Past Squadron Captain	20.00		
Fleet Officer	20.00		
Past Fleet Officer	20.00		
<b>Polar Fleece Vest</b>			
Size M	30.00		
Size L	30.00		
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE ORDER (\$)</b>			
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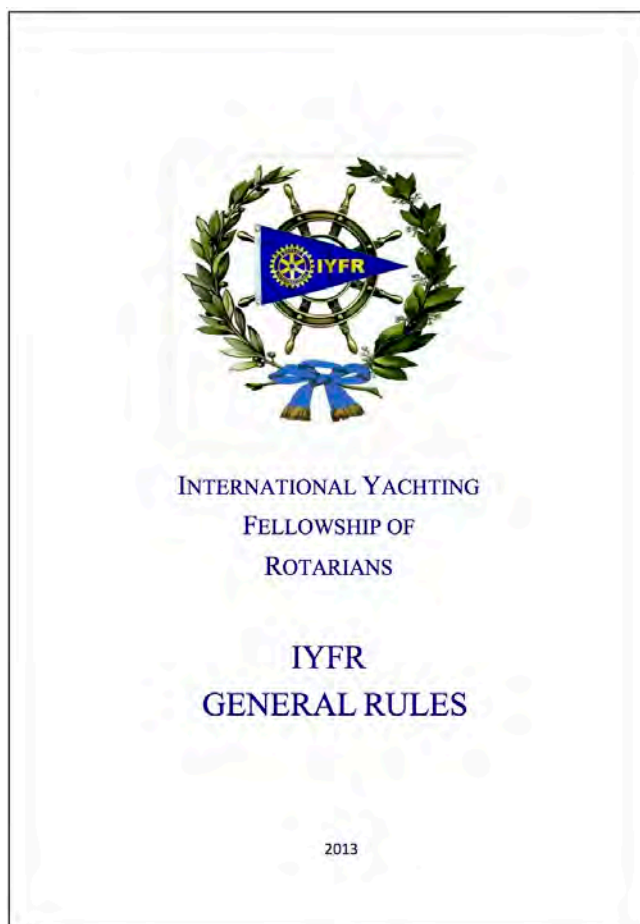


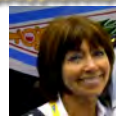
## The General Rules Translations

The IYFR General Rules is now translated in 12 languages with the addition of new Fleets or Squadron in South Africa. This was necessitated for the understanding and comprehension of every mariner of our basic constitution because more than 60 percent of the entire membership in the IYFR does not speak English although English is the Official Language of the Fellowship.

Our dedicated members have voluntarily and painstakingly translated the General Rules in their own languages for the benefit of their non-english speaking members

GENERAL RULES	ENGLISH
ALLGEMEINE REGELN	GERMAN
REGLES DE FONCTIONNEMENT	FRENCH
REGOLE GENERALI	ITALIAN
ZASADY OGÓLNE	POLISH
REGRAS GERAIS	PORTUGUESE
ОБЩИЕ ПРАВИЛА	RUSSIAN
SPLOŠNA PRAVILA	SLOVENIAN
REGLAS GENERALES	SPANISH
GENEL KURALLARI	TURKISH
SHERIA NA MWONGOZO	KISWAHILI
一般規約	JAPANESE





**By: Laura Padoan Santi**  
**Regalia Officer**



L'arrivo a Mombasa è quello che si aspettano tutti i turisti che arrivano dritti dritti dagli allagamenti europei di questo inverno infernale: un sole abbacinante, chiasso e polvere, colori accesi.



Ma l'Africa ci accoglie non solo con il suo calore, la sua polvere. Incredibile ma vero, ci sono tre nuove Flotte per l'IYFR: Kenya, Ruanda e Uganda. Con Sergio in veste di International Commodore, siamo venuti dall'Italia a ufficializzare il loro ingresso nell'IYFR.



Poi il primo incontro. Hilary Mazzon Segretaria e Tesoriera della Flotta del Kenya è venuta a prenderci per portarci a Watamu e al nostro lodge: il Barracuda.



Non ci aspettavamo una persona così giovane e carina; ci fa dimenticare o non vedere tutti i sorpassi azzardati su una strada in mezzo ai baobab, piena di carretti, cani, bambini che escono dalla scuola con le loro divise colorate tra nuvole di polvere dorata.

E' solo l'inizio di quattro giorni bellissimi, trascorsi con persone inaspettatamente particolari e interessanti: Bill Kosar e First Mate Cassandra, Giuseppe Buonasera e sua moglie





Margherita, la loro piccolissima Thea, Simone Avola e Hilary.

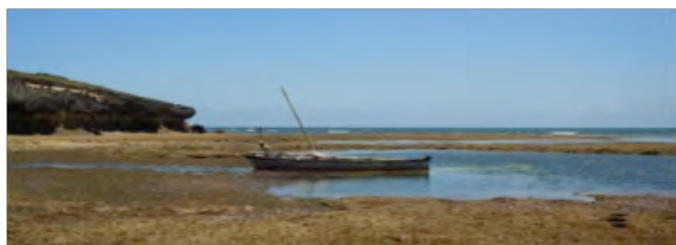
Giuseppe (che potrebbe uscire da un fumetto alla Corto Maltese di cui sono appassionata) e Simone gestiscono il Barracuda, in un felice quanto inedito connubio tra business, inserimento positivo nel territorio, umanità e l'inseguimento di un sogno.



Il Barracuda è l'unico resort che, anche visto dal mare, non stoni con la bellissima baia di Watamu: sabbia bianca e corallina, fine come la cipria, acqua verde smeraldo che si ritira con la bassa marea fino a scoprire rocce dalle forme più strane per la forte erosione dell'acqua.



Giuseppe e Simone hanno usato tutto: le piroghe dei pescatori, i bambini del villaggio ai quali insegnano come pulire la spiaggia ed essere responsabili della natura, i Masai che stanno fieramente a guardia della spiaggia.



Utilizzano solo verdure coltivate nei loro orti, frutta fresca del mercato locale, pesci comprati dai pescatori del posto, pane cotto nei loro forni a carbone.

Con loro abbiamo trascorso momenti inaspettatamente familiari come tra amici di vecchia data: le colazioni appena

svegli, sicuramente le cene tra chiacchiere, racconti di vita e di abitudini locali. Tutte cose che ci siamo riportati a casa insieme alle valigie.



In tutto ciò, Bill e la moglie Cassandra hanno organizzato le nostre giornate, lasciandoci anche un po' di tempo libero per godere delle bellezze del posto ma anche per capire come la realtà che circonda il Barracuda sia ben diversa.



La prima giornata si è conclusa con una cena al Medina per conoscere le varie rappresentanti delle Flotte di Rwanda e Uganda. Avete capito bene: solo donne e ...in un continente come quello africano!

Mrs Uganda, Mrs Ruanda e non solo: accompagnate da amiche. Non un solo uomo.





E poi, via per una giornata tra le mangrovie e la barriera corallina, passando per la laguna a vedere i delfini accompagnati dal Direttore del Parco Marino e Riserva Naturale nonché Mariner della Flotta Keniota Steve Trott e la moglie Jane.



Mai visti colori così accesi e così strani, un mare che declinava tutti i toni del verde, dal verde acido a quello mescolato a giallo limone, in una luce quasi innaturale, tra i pesci dai colori sfavillanti ed elettrici.

E poi, personaggi che sembrano uscire dal niente, sbarcati lì per una vacanza casuale e poi irretiti dall'atmosfera, dalla solitudine e dalla bellezza del luogo. Come il gestore italiano del ristorante tra le mangrovie Rock & Sea dove siamo andati a pranzo che, lasciato il lavoro in Italia, invece dell'anno sabbatico che voleva godersi, si lancia nell'impresa del ristorante. Il tutto in mezzo al niente. Tanto qualcuno arriverà....



E così arriva Valentina Moscheni e con lei un sogno vero e in parte già realizzato: Marafiki, un sogno per il quale vale la pena di vivere. Nell'isolotto di Kadaina, immerso nelle mangrovie e tra i canali, un tempo non c'era niente, solo una piccolissima scuola e poca gente poverissima.

Niente acqua, niente di niente, solo la volontà di sopravvivere. Scoperta da Mario Rossi (anche lui, come sempre, in vacanza e per caso) iniziarono i primi lavori: la prima scuola in mattoni, i medicinali, l'acqua (5 km di tubi dalla SS Malindi-Mombasa e poi sotto i canali fino all'isola che ora servono anche il vicino villaggio di Ojobombo), i primi giochi collettivi (un campo da basket, uno da calcio e uno da beach-volley) i dormitori..



Ora gli alunni sono quasi trecento e tutte le classi sono fornite del materiale didattico necessario! E un laboratorio di sartoria per le mamme....





Continuation...



Adesso, dopo un lavoro indefesso durato circa tredici anni e condotto da una squadra che si ingigantisce di giorno in giorno con lavoro personale e ricerca di contributi (oltre Mario, Luciano Quaggia, Piero Melis, Emanuele Gavazzi, Valentina Moscheni, Elisabetta Marigonda e tanti, tanti altri) la scuola, che ora conta una Primary e una Secondary School è riconosciuta dallo Stato ed è un'associazione ONLUS.



Ma anche l'IYFR ha fatto la sua brava parte, mandando i salvagenti per tutti quei bambini che prima potevano anche affogare cadendo dalle zattere o dalle canoe con cui raggiungevano la scuola... un vero successo! E l'impegno è di continuare ad intensificare azioni che facciano progredire quest'opera.

E poi, finalmente, la sera dedicata all'IYFR e alle nuove Flotte.

Alle 8.00, dopo un veloce ma ottimo rinfresco nella sala Bonefish del Barracuda (il suono della campana della Flotta del Kenya, dà inizio alla cerimonia. La sala è affollatissima.



Ci sono proprio tutti. Se è emozionante vedere consegnare solennemente la carta costitutiva e le insegne ad una Flotta, e ad una nuova Regione, immaginate vederne tre ... insieme, in Africa e in una magnifica notte stellata che francamente non ci immaginavamo!

Ma questa è la parte ufficiale e sicuramente ne parleranno Sergio e Bill.



*Laura Zadoran*





## HAKUNA MATATA

### REPORT on the 3 AFRICAN FLEETS CHARTER

from the IC log book January 29 - February 5, 2014



By: **Sergio Santi**  
*International Commodore*



January 29 Weather forecast is for heavy snow in the Malpensa Airport Area (some 3,5 hours by car from where we live now) so we decide to go by train.

January 29 1200 B We leave our flooded backyard for a 6 hours trip by train (I hate) to Malpensa. Arrival and check in, uneventful. Not too much snow actually, but very



cold. We wear heavy overcoats and high boots.  
29 2110 B Our departure is delayed by the deicing/de-snowing process of the old 767 of the Ethiopian Airlines. Landing in Roma-FCO is like a carrier landing: almost a controlled crash for heavy rain and lateral wind. Refueling and take off on time. Nice and smooth flight. Aircraft is at full load. No spare place to stretch. Succeeded to sleep for a couple of hours. Perfect and on time Landing in Addis Ababa at 0720 D

30 1045 D Plenty of time to remove winter clothing, shave, have a (awfully long, no taste and expensive) coffee, see the few opened store in the Airport, a new complete safety check, and we leave for Mombasa. The land beneath is completely dry, average color yellow brown. Kilimanjaro spotted in the far west some minutes before landing. Last time I was here it was September 1963, a Naval Academy Cadet on board of WW2 Cruiser R. Montecucoli, age 21.



30 1340 D Hilary Mazzon, the charming and most efficient Kenya Fleet Secretary & Treasurer is waiting at the gate. Perfect! Temp spread ... some 33°. Not bad. 2 and ½ Hours by taxi and we reach the Barracuda Resort manned by FRC Giuseppe Bonasera and his brother FC Simone Avola. This is an African Paradise manned by Italians as many other Hotels or Resorts around the area. Something to be proud of, both as Italian and as IC.  
30 1730 D Met our Hosts and time to relax until dinner in the beautiful and calm waters and the coral white beach in front of the Barracuda.



Strange mushroom shaped rocks noted at the entrance and sides of the little gulf, a splendid mooring point, at the appearance.

30 2030 D Dinner with Giuseppe, his wife Margherita, Simone and Hilary. Great company, great seafood great wine. Everything is absolutely superb! We discover to have many common Friends in spite of the spread in our biographical data and totally differently lived lives. As usual in IYFR in a little time we discover to be young old Friends.  
31 0830 A triumph of fresh local fruits, home-made biscuits, home laid eggs, home-made crispy bread, home made marmalades and Italian coffee are waiting for us. The village Paradise is waking up and... we discover the reason for those mushroom shaped rocks: there is a four meters tide here and the currents are carving the coral reef emerged parts. Time for walk and examine what, until 6 hours ago was the bottom of the gulf. The sand is so thin that my feet sink and ... I lose my flip flops. I will find a new pair "downtown". Hakuna matata (= no problem) at least this is what I think.



31 1230 Lunch with the Fleet Bridge and meeting with Region Commodore Bill to hone down the next day Charter Ceremonies. 3 Fleets in a row and one new Region is something that does not happen very often and it is a rather complicate to give everybody the right visibility while not stretching too much the time to do it. Salomon could not be wiser: 3-4 minutes for each speech and a lot of time to enjoy our company. Aisa, Aisa, Aisa ... will mark the ceremony end. By the way the Avola have a Neapolitan origin even if they have lived in Rome for a very long time. Here they have one of the best meeting venues I have ever seen: a high straw roof in front of the Ocean a mild seeping breeze under it and... plenty of small but most tasty oysters and chilled sparkling white wine!



31 1900 The Uganda and Rwanda Delegation are arrived. They are staying at the Garoda Hotel. The owner is the same RTN Guido Bertoni without whose help we could never start and complete our Lifejackets Service in Kenya. It must be said that we have had tough times with the Kenya Customs who had fined us with almost 8.000



Euro or 1 million KES. Providence named Kenya Rotary

and Maritime Authority in the person of Nancy Karigithu arrived just in time when we had lost all the hopes to see our dream come true. Bill's organization is perfect. Tonight we go to the Medina Palms' restaurant; Finally we meet the Rwanda and Uganda Fleets gentle Delegation composed by the charming Ladies Priya Vallabhbhai, Jemimah Semakadde, Margaret Atyro all fellow Mariners representing their Fleet Commodores (busy, some 8 hours of flight away via Nairobi/Addis Ababa). This is a nice moment to listen to the Commodores and their partners all convened here. Cassandra, Bill first Mate is sporting a beautiful blonde page boy cut, succeeds in deceiving me at first. What a shame!



Dinner is delicious, local cuisine and perfect Italian wine. After dinner we climb on the Restaurant terrace to admire, in the perfect pitch black, the other side of the world sky. This is something we are no more accustomed to see from our lighted cities any more. Great night.



01 February. Today is the day. The Charter day. But not only that: we start with a most interesting tour outside of the coral reef sighting the dolphins that crowd this paradise waters. We have two perfect and most professional guides in the persons of the Director of the Watamu Marine Association and Kenya Fleet Mariner Steve Trott and his first Mate Jane.

They can recognize most of the dolphins by their peculiar back fins trailing edges indentations. They have also named them and know their habits. Astonishing! We also have the chance to do some snorkeling on the barrier... I would have not gone away unless we had some more interesting visits to pay.





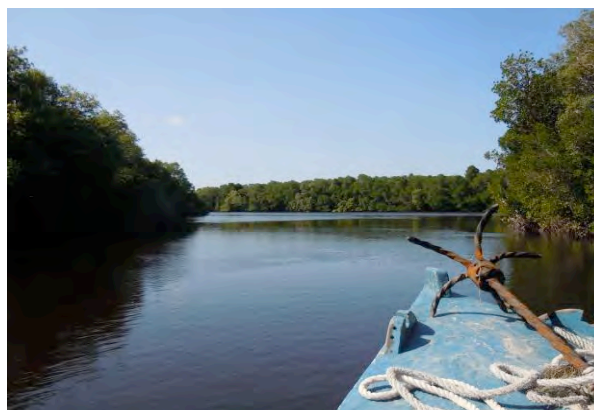
We enter the Mida Creek at low tide time; fishermen and their sailing canoes are returning to their landings. Others are fishing in the mangroves bays. Lunch time. The Rock & Sea Restaurant, managed by an Italian gentleman coming from my same District IT 2032 beautifully located on top of a hill with a great sightseeing and the usual wonderful lobsters, is the right counterpart for today's nightmare: I am on bare feet and ...

walking on corals, it hurts, and when corals are over, the dark stones/sand leading to the peak of the hill ... it is like walking on burning coals! Chicco, the manager lends me his slippers. Valentina Moscheni, Iyforian and Watamu RC President Guido Bertoni first Mate, meets us after lunch and guides us in a mangrove labyrinth to Marafiki. This is a real Italian made miracle in the middle of the mangrove forest of the Mida Creek. Here, where once there was a straw hut shielding a master and a few hungry kids, now there is a full compound frequented by approximately five hundred people, most of them uniform dressed students both genders, mainly arriving there by canoes or boats.



Fresh water arrives from a 6 Km distant aqueduct, since the compound hosts a primary and a secondary school complete of classrooms, lodging facilities for teachers, guards, stewards and 30 orphans, sanitary equipment, a kitchen, a mess, a Church, a library, a dispensary and a football field. All this has been made in the years thanks to the generosity of Italian travelers or Italian donors who have supported in any way this incredible and admirable enterprise. Among the donors to the Marafiki Primary School ONLUS, IYFR has recently provided through the IYFR East African Region, the Kenya Fleet and the Watamu RC, enough lifejackets for those students using the school boats or any other floating device to reach the compound. This appears to be the first of a series of interventions in favour of this un-valuable and commendable venture.

Thanks to a pair of slippers lent by a Student, I succeed to survive the thorns and the wood splinters, visit the site



and leave the Kadaina Island where the compound is located, almost uneventfully. We leave boarding the "Marafiki" barge that is the huge IYFR registered boat which Guido Bertone recently provided the school with.



We have just the time to return to the Barracuda, a fast shower and all of us are ready for the big event.

01 2000 with Swiss precision, once all the Mariners, their partners and guest, have seated in the huge Bonefish terrace, after the greetings by the Watamu RC President, Mariner Guido Bertoni, the landlord FRC Giuseppe Bonasera rapidly introduces William (Bill) Kosar, the next to be nominated East Africa Region Commodore, the Kenya FC Simone Avola and the other Fleet Officers representing their Fleet Commodores: Priya Wallabhbhai for the Rwanda Fleet and Jemimah Semakadde for Uganda. I give a very short and heartily speech and then we all pass to sign the Charter Papers. All certificates are handed over and a very loud cheer is raised in honour of





the just born 3 Fleets. Then the Region Commodore Bill is finally provided with his papers; Cassandra has a tour with the IC Jewel and again the words of AISA AISA AISA ... the ancient Neapolitan Navy cheer, fill the air! Time to sit and enjoy a magnificent buffet prepared by the Barracuda cooks. Great buffet, great wines and great champagne.



Even three triangular shaped IYFR special cakes! What a lovely day: IYFR can account to 3 new Fleets, 1 new Region and 68 new Members. Rotaractors may join the Fleets soon. Only one possible comment: **DELIGHTED.**



02 0500 After a long and great night but less than 4 hours of sleep, I wake up since they have prepared a deep sea fishing morning off the Watamu reef. Light comes out in a moment after a very short dawn. We are already at sea on a 36' fisherman manned by a nice and bulgy giant who seems to come out of the Caribbean tales. We go out at high tide but must be back by noon since we have other plans for the evening. The 3 fishermen helping us lay down 5 lines: we are supposed to catch some bonitos that will become the bite for the big Marlin or Sailfish that are the usual big game here.

Out at sea we keep passing through packs of fish jumping out of the waters because of their predators attacking from underneath: the bonitos we are looking for. Not a single bite for 5 long hours, not even after the last banana is eaten. Here they say that no fish will be caught until there is a chunk of banana aboard. And the smart Barra-

cuda boy who prepared our coffee and doggy bags, unaware of it, had filled our four bags with ham & cheese sandwiches, beer and... plenty of bananas.



The weather is good and the sea calm: we enjoy the company and with Priya we make programs for another Fleet to be risen in South Africa, her home Country, where she will be returning in a few months. No bite, no small or big game we are back for a late lunch and a nap, having caught not even a sardine.



02 1630 We leave for Mida Creek where a real Dhow is waiting for us: a few drinks, sunset and dinner on board. The evening is mild, our Flag is flapping at the main mast. Drinks are served, sailing is perfect in calm waters, lot of chatting among all of us. Plan for common events, Service, meetings. Sun goes down I do the standard piping for the Colours Ceremony, Italian Navy style, and then again a spicy oriental dinner.







What can we ask more? Too bad that the hours last and fly away in minutes! We are back home just in time to see some real Masai dances in the Barracuda home theatre.

03 0900 time for sightseeing the nearby bay. A long walk on the crispy white coral sand. Tide is decreasing. All of a sudden I fall in a quick sand pit. Basic survival knowledge learnt some 50 years ago help to come out. Luckily my shoulder bag is waterproof and closed so I do not have to throw away my camera! Just in time to warn some incoming and un-aware tourists not to step in the same shallow water. The phenomenon can be caused by the retreating tidal waters running a meter or more underneath the sandy sea floor now covered by no more than a few centimetres of water.







We manage to be back to the Barracuda just on time for the farewell dinner organized by Simone and his beautiful Family. We only met 5 days ago but we are now old time Friends sharing common projects for the future. Simone and Hilary are planning to visit us in Tuscany, Giuseppe will be leaving soon to go to Miami where he will be trying to start a new IYFR Fleet. Too bad that we cannot see Bill and Cassandra who had invited us to have dinner with them.... Next time!!!



It is night when we reach home. Just a bit tired after a 30 hours journey but two good news to mark down: a great week end with 3 new IYFR Fleets, a new Region in the Fellowship and ...we can walk in home almost dry foot!



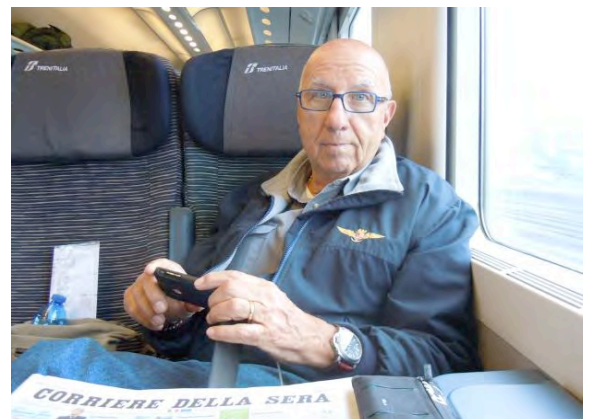
04 1000 It is about time we start to go back from this Paradise to normal life. Bill arrives with his arms loaded with presents from Cassandra and himself to carry back home.

How nice from them! Hilary is busy with her Red Cross assignment so cannot escort us to the Mombasa Airport. Taxi driver arrives on time and a perfect shining Mercedes. Great hugs with all our now long-time Friends hoping to meet soon and to enjoy again being together.

05 0700B After an uneventful ride from Watamu to MOU Airport, (definitively the most dangerous part of the total travel), and some ten hours of flight on two Ethiopian Airlines we land in Milan Malpensa.

Haze, it rains and the temperature has gone back by 30° again! Resume winter garments.

Had we come by car we would be home in less than 4 hours. Worried by the heavy snow warning, we came by train which almost triple our time to destination.







## Viaggio in Africa 29/01 - 05/02 2014 Photo Gallery





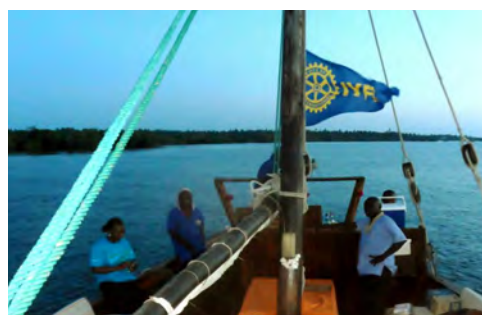


## Charter Fleets in East Africa Photo Gallery

### Charter Celebration at Barracuda Inn



### Dhow Cruise in Mida Creek







## Charter Fleets in East Africa

### Dinner at Medina Palms



### Fellowship at Dolphin Safari







## Charter Fleets in East Africa

### Life Jacket Project



### Fellowship at Marafiki







## A Wonderful Expeditious Trip to Buvuma Islands

By: Peter Kasango

**Bweyogerere Namboole Rotary Club in partnership with The Rotary Mariners of East Africa Uganda Fleet  
on Saturday 29th, March 2014**



Buvuma Island is a chain of more than fifty islands located a few kilometers off the northern shore of Lake Victoria. It lies 25km south of the nearby city of Jinja. The only reliable transport is by a Ferry that plies from Kiyindi landing site to Buvuma Island three times on a working day and twice over the weekends. Saturday saw the beauty of service above self when a group of Rotarians &



Rotary Mariners accompanied by the District Secretary D9211 demonstrated commitment to service, when they set off from Mamerito Hotel on an expeditious trip to Buvuma Islands to present Life Jackets donated by the Mariners for Buvuma Christian school Children, to whom the Rotary Club of Bweyogerere Namboole donated a School Boat that picks and drops School children from the other Islands to the School that is located on the main Island to study.

Rotary Mariners and Rotarians deprived of their morning sleep assembled at 4.30am for the trip. Some of them spent the night at Sports View Hotel to be in time for the departure. The group took a fast but stable transport to get the Ferry that was sched-

uled to set off from Kiyindi Landing site at 7.15am for Buvuma Islands. With this timing at the mind of the driver, he stepped up the speed. Thanks to his ability and the relatively new bus we used. All was well. Rotarian Fred transported the Life Jackets in his Noah turned Club van also pursuing us. We finally made it in the set off time of 7.15 am for the Ferry's departure. Some of the Rotarians in a hurriedly arranged Breakfast at Kiyindi Landing site slightly before departure. The day's Chief Guest wondering what was ahead after having been told to indicate his next of Kin at the registration for the Boarding pass! A similar scenario was expressed by other Rotarians. Indeed very scarring!!



On the ferry en-route to Buvuma Islands, there was a mixture of silence and imagined excitement. Some Rotarians were seen forcing a 'nap' for themselves in disguise. Whatever was going on in the minds was evidently read at the arrival at Buvuma Landing site where Rotarian Peter had to override the four way test with a sigh of relief!! The ferry by its schedule is supposed to make an immediate return trip to Kiyindi and this would be at a disadvantage to the Rotarians as they would then have to wait up to 5.00pm. But a dialogue was hatched to temporarily disable the ferry to give Rotarians some time to reach the Christian school







that is 10Km away to conduct the presentation of Life Jackets. In yet another Marathon drive, the 10Km were reduced to 3 Km! At the school, we met the students and the school's Administrators.



The Chief Guest Rotarian Sam Bwaya handed over 40 Life Jackets to the School Administrators urging them to always ensure that the School Children are dressed in the Life Jackets while on the Lake. He emphasized the need to address the six areas of Rotary Focus of which Basic Education and Literacy cuts across as it provides for the future. He advised the Rotarians to take this project to another level. There was still a lot of demand for this service considering the number of Islands forming Buvuma District from which these Children are picked. He said it was now necessary to acquire another Boat to cater for this demand. One school Boat may not do all the rounds in time to meet the school's time table. There is little hope of schools developments on the other Islands so it was necessary to acquire another Boat to beef up the trans-

Racing against time for the Ferry's return trip, at the School we had to immediately move to the School's Boat Landing site situated about 150 Meters away where we were met by the local council leadership and other local residents. Happy faces were evident on the School Children and their School Administrators. Equally the community members were excited about the Initiative made to provide Life Jackets for use by the School Children as they are picked and dropped at their respective Islands with no Schools, to attend to the only good School on the main Island. Some of the students dressed in the donated Life Jackets in preparation for a maiden ride in the lake. There was a lot of excitement as this was a great relief considering the now rampant dangers associated with not using Life Jackets while on water.







portation of these Children spread over the other Islands who rely on this service to study.



On the way back, Rtn. Sam Bwaya who represented the District Governor with other Rotarians took time to sensitize the locals at the landing site and distributed Packets of Condoms to the locals to enhance their protection He talked to the locals and addressed the communities about the effects of HIV on their families. He also left a big consignment with the area Local council 3 Chairman for the continuous distribution of the same. The area L.C three Chairman also addressed the gathering and thanked the Rotarians for their timely concern & action.



After this exciting exercise, the Rotarians boarded the ferry on the way back to Kiyindi landing site where upon arrival they as usual rushed to the Fish delivery stalls to buy fresh fish for their fami-



lies. It was also discovered that MUKENE was back on the menu as the Nile perch stocks had dropped.

Overall, thank you all who made some time for this historic trip. Special thanks to the District Governor for his choice of a very impressive District Secretary D 9211 Sam Bwaya as his representative. We enjoyed every moment of his stay with us. To the Rotary Mariners of East Africa Uganda Fleet, thank you so much for accepting the partnership and your donation of the Life Jacket. Thank you Mariner Jemimah for leading your colleagues through a night stay at the Hotel for the sole cause of being in time for the departure! Rtn Fred, thank you for converting your M/v into a Club Van and drove the cargo (Life Jackets) at your cost to Buvuma. For the Rotarians of Bweyogerere, Well-done! This is a very important milestone, the trip was a worthy one, as it has enabled us to measure & confirm the impact. The assessment indicates an increase in demand for the service which we have to so-licit for more funding to address this need.







## In Memoriam JUAN LUIS HARRIERO LÓPEZ : A GIANT SEAMAN



By: **Bernardo Rabassa**  
*Regional Commodore  
of Iberia*



Yacht Captain , Commodore of the Madrid Fleet of IYFR , Member of the Navy League , has been left to us, the great blue distant , where are the sailors, whose horizon has no boundaries , where their comrades , and can not assist you in the rough sea , where he take care of us, because his company was a guarantee of friendship, generosity and dedication . In addition , it has without warning , which deepens , if anything even more our pain and Silvie his wife, and their children Erik , Patricia and Isabel and her two grandchildren. But they were not his only family , so were we, the Mariners we share with and sometimes his guitar, the sweetest moments of friendship and companionship, almost military vigor , marine of course with a strong man as an oak , whom we would not have ever happened, that lightning could knock as did an unexpected cerebral hemorrhage. Blood, shed for the others , as usual, giving his organs so that others might live , extending its life on earth and saving them from death.



Until then , done by others, as a Rotarian " service above self " with his boat he shared with anyone who proposed it , with that great "Blues" sailboat without borders, and who already preparing go to the Balearic and also to the bottom of the Mediterranean.

Degree in Economics and Insurance Ombudsman entitled , with an experience of over 40 years in the insurance sector. Spanish - French bilingual . Born in Madrid in 1949. School at the Colegio San Agustin (1963/1968) and BA in Economics - Business - specialty (1968/1974) from the Complutense of Madrid. Insurer (1971/1983) in The Urbana, L' Union and UAP (Director General Technical-Commercial ) . Development of professional activity in France for 3 years, as Insurer 2 ( 1974/1976 ) and one runner (1983). Founder of Companies in Spain CECAR Group (1983 /1996) , such as CER-CARESP , SA , AB IBERCECAR , S.A. e IBERCECAR , S.A. ( CEO ) . Founder GESTEMDE , SL ( 1997) in the Sports Sector .



Founder ALKORA , SA (Grupo VERSPIEREN ) in 1997 , and until yesterday President and Vice - President of the Council Asesor.Consejero the following companies : REFLEX , SA ( Automobiles ) COMITAS , Inc. (Telecommunications) ; MONJOREN , Inc. ( Real Estate) and ADVANTI , SL ( Business Consulting ) . Member of " La Chambre " , Dialogue, Ceim , Rotary Intl , among many other specialized positions in the insurance industry , you will notice missing curriculum.

In his hasty cremation in Denia, not far from his beloved Moraira , failed to get rid of his friends, for over 400 we come in, and thousands of flowers , and more than 50 crowns testified that passes through our lives , left many orphans, and many future projects to close . He died in the prime of his maturity, and its open , sometimes Joker character made him beloved of all . Few people will see less enemies he was making love , and I am convinced that was the Sea. The sea was really what shaped his character , always seen the endless blue from the "Blues " provided





with the understanding of the huge expanse of water that surrounds us, and welcomes us like a mother. Sometimes fierce, but always relaxing and motivating at the same time, knowing that the marine life we that accompanies us, and whom we depend for survival. There will wreck our lives, as the sea will not allow ground, fail our illusions, in any case, and as Juan Luis drag us into eternity, to ensure other marine that unite us in the land of Heaven constantly changing as the sun, moon and stars. Juan Luis takes care of us, without you, we are orphans, though, determined to follow your direction, almost unattainable, for the vast sea of our lives. Bernardo Rabassa Asenjo. Regional Commodore of Iberia of IYFR.



**5 de Abril Alicante NUEVOS ESCUADRONES EN SANTANDER Y CARTAGENA ENTREGA CARTAS CONSTITUCIONALES EN ALICANTE EL 5 DE ABRIL SABADO**

Estimados Mariners y rotarios: es para mi como Comodoro Regional de Iberia una satisfacción y un honor anunciaros la creación de dos escuadrones de Mariners

El 1º en Santander del que será Capitán: JOSE MARIA PEREZ CARMONA, del ROTARY CLUB DE SANTANDER SARDINERO y al que pertenecerán los siguientes Mariners:

SANTIAGO FERNANDEZ VILLA "Capitán de yate", ROTARY CLUB DE VITORIA  
LUIS MARIA PUJANA "Patrón de yate", ROTARY CLUB DE VITORIA  
JOSE RICARDO ARCE "Patrón de yate", ROTARY CLUB DE VITORIA  
JESUS MARIA MARTELO ORTIZ DE ZARATE "Capitán de yate", ROTARY CLUB DE VITORIA  
JOSE MARIA PEREZ CARMONA, ROTARY CLUB DE SANTANDER SARDINERO  
BEDA HERREZUELO GRAN, ROTARY CLUB DE SANTANDER SARDINERO

El 2º gracias a los desvelos de Pascual Rosser Comodoro de la South East Fleet en CARTAGENA del que será capitán JUAN ANTONIO GARCÍA FERNÁNDEZ DEL ROTARY CLUB CARTAGENA TEATRO ROMANO:  
JUAN ANTONIO GARCÍA FERNÁNDEZ, NIF 22890214-Q,  
JUAN PEDREÑO MUÑOZ, NIF 22857815-R

JUAN MARTÍNEZ PAGÁN, NIF 22908426-N  
DEL ROTARY CLUB MAR MENOR-SAN JAVIER:  
ROSARIO ALBACETE HERNÁNDEZ, NIF 07226393-T  
DEL ROTARY CLUB SANTOMERA:  
CANDELA BROCAL MARTÍNEZ, NIF 22467221-Q  
ALBERTO REQUENA RODRÍGUEZ, NIF 22090500-N  
SALVADOR ZAMORA NAVARRO, NIF 22249113-V

A todos se les he comunicado que recibirán el Acta Constitutiva el próximo 5 de abril de 2014, en la cena que tendrá lugar en Alicante en el restaurante Aldebarán (Real Club de Regatas de Alicante) coincidiendo con el Cambio de Banderín / Comodoro de esta Flota Rotaria. Cambiarán en señas la Flotas de Madrid y la South East Fleet simbólicamente, pues el mandato termina en Junio. Pascual a Manuel Ruiz Mazón y Clemente sustituye a nuestro querido Juan Luis Harriero y yo cederé a Carlo d'Amore, actual vice commodore.

De momento de Madrid vamos Clemente y yo, apuntaros más, el hotel Tryp costará 55 € 965 147 317 y se puede ir en AVE.

Uniforme de Mariners Gala, Confirmad





## Fleet Germany South

More information for Germany South Fleet can be downloaded from links below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/41nxt9dpz8jwp/Protokoll%20Wintermeeting%202014-01%20IYFR%20Flotte%20D-S%C3%BCd%20okl.pdf>

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Insges. 11 Teilnehmer:

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| • Eckehard Fischer      | (RC Kieler Förde)               | IYFR-Deutschland Sekretär u Past Commodore mit 1st Mate |
| • Michael Menzel        | (RC Finsterwalde)               | IYFR Fl.Nord-Ost Past Commodore mit 1st Mate            |
| • Herwig Paretzke       | (RC Munich International)       | IYFR Fl.Weser Jade Commodore                            |
| • Georg-Maria Hagemeyer | (RC Muenchen Martinsried)       | IYFR Fl.Süd Commodore mit Tochter Hannah-Maria          |
| • Marie-Luise Menzel    | (RAC Dresden / Munich Internl.) | IYFR Fl.Süd Öffentlichkeitsarbeit u. Regalia            |
| • Götz Ziegler          | (RC München Residenz)           | IYFR Fl.Süd Vice Treasurer + Boatswain                  |



Festredner Herwig Paretzke, RC Munich International und Commodore der Flotte Weser-Jade, berichtet mit vielen wunderbaren Bildern und interessanten Anekdoten von seiner wenige Tage zuvor in Bremerhaven beendeten dreijährigen Weltumseglung mit Hochsee-Katamaran „Jonathan“.

Bei den verschiedensten Etappen waren auch immer wieder Rotarier und IYFoRians an Bord und durften an den vielfältigsten Erlebnissen teilhaben.





**By: Phyllis Åhrberg**  
**First mate to PRC Björn Åhrberg**  
**North West Fleet**

### IYFR GERMANY - NORTH WEST FLEET - WINTERMEETING IN LEER 14. - 16.02.14

**On 14.02.2014 the German North West Fleet met in Leer, Ostfriesland for its annual winter meeting. The gusty rains dampened no one's spirits as we gathered to re-new friendships and pass on the chain of command to a new Regional Commodore of Germany.**

Ulrich Stöhr (RC Leer and Rear Commodore Fleet North-west) and his wife Thea invited fellow Iyforians and their first mates to the Klotjehus on Valentine's Day for a „Dinner for One“ in Platt Deutsch (the local coastal dialect) — humorous beginning to an East Frisian weekend.

Dinner for One, or The 90th Birthday, is a comedy sketch written by the British author Lauri Wylie for the theatre in the 1920s. Norddeutscher Rundfunk (NDR) recorded a performance involving two characters in 1963, in its original English language. A 90-year-old grande dame is celebrating her birthday. All of her guests have already passed away so her butler assumes their roles at the dinner party, toasting my lady again and again. This short comedy has become the most frequently repeated TV programme ever, shown every New Year's Eve on German television. The performance in our Frisian dialect was enormously enjoyed by all, especially our guests from other fleets — South, Weser-Jade, North and North East.

The „Klotjehus“ takes its name from the word „klotje“, which were wooden rollers used to raise and lower sails in days of yore. They made quite some noise and are thus an allusion to the chattering sound of people talking and telling tales when they meet in the house (hus) in the evening.

On Saturday morning we were all faced with the challenge of safely navigating not only the Ems Channel but also docking in Hong Kong — in a simulator of course.

At MARIKO, Maritimes Kompetenzzentrum, Dieter Schroeer, managing director, explained the goals of this nautical centre as a channel and network for the maritime agencies

within the Ems-Dollart region.

We were allowed into the three rooms equipped as the command bridges of a variety of ships to get a feeling for the education and in-service training as captain, be it tugboat, pilot or container ship.

The navigating simulator has a 270-degree visibility range system.

The intensity of the visual simulation created such a life-like situation that you actually felt the ships movement and wanted to grab for something to hold onto. From high-tech ship's command to traditional milling, the jump from today to years gone by was amazing.

At the WINDMÜHLENHOF in Eiklenborg - Leer we experienced how grain was milled in the past and learned how the mill turned itself into the wind. Our guide was Jan Eiklenborg, an energetic original, who passionately explained how the mill functions and the quality of the ground grain. We even received a taste of the homemade bread baked in a specially built brick oven.

Since the occupation of miller in the traditional sense no longer exists Herr Eiklenborg now trains interested „millers“ in an adult education program to ensure that this knowledge and competence will be passed on to future generations.

On Saturday evening we met in the Waage (built in 1714) in Leer's trade port for the big event. German Regional Commodore Jens Brendel (from Fleet North) passed on the responsibilities of his office to Ewert Cramer (Fleet North West).

This took place with the attendance of six past Regional Commodores.

Two Fleet Commodores and guests from five of Germany's six fleets were present. Even „our round the world“ sailor







*Jens Brendel Ewert Cramer*

Herwig Paretzke celebrated the eve of his birthday by coming to Leer.

Ewert Cramer himself is planning a four-month sailing trip aboard his yacht,

the SY Elian, around the Baltic and Sweden with changing crews. He is full of energy and plans for the German fleets and intends to put some of the suggestions from the meeting into effect, such as a newly designed national web site and a link for those interested in taking on as crewmembers with Rotarian skippers. The goal is to make young Rotarians

aware of the fellowship. He closed the official part of the evening with a special thanks to Eckhardt Fischer as the German regional secretary.

A walking tour through Leer on Sunday concluded our „winter meeting“ and we gave Uli and Thea Stöhr a hearty THANK YOU for the wonderful organization.

Auf Wiedersehen until our summer meeting in the East Frisian mudflats.



*Georg W. Kirchhoff, Wolfhard Schmidt, Eckhardt A. Fischer, Björn Abbrberg, Jens Brendel, Jochen Richter (from left to right)*

## World E-Fleet



*World E-Fleet Commodore Robert Walton enjoying basking in the sun.*

Following the charters of the GB&I SW, Subic Bay, Kenya and Rwanda Fleets, in the new administration, we are about to charter 5 new Fleets: the Israel, the Shimanami and the World E- Fleet, the San Remigio and Boracay Fleets in the Philippines.

While the others are “conventional” Fleets, the World E-Fleet, brought about by the enthusiastic and patient reknitting work of Commodore Angelica Mesis-



**By: Sergio Santi**  
**International Commodore**

trano of the Punta del Este Fleet and to the generous availability of the IYFORIAN Robert Walton of the Italy NW Fleet, is at the present composed by all those ex IMs that have shown an interest to be actively involved in IYFR. The E-Fleet “World” denomination is because that Fleet will give a temporary berthing to all those Fellow Mariners coming from all of the 3 Areas who, for geographical problems, are not part of an existing Fleet because they are way too far located. At the same time they are to be considered the very original nucleuses of new possible Squadrons and eventually of new IYFR Fleets.

The relevant amendments to the current GR and to the PandR, will be proposed and introduced in due time in accordance with the current GR. by IVC Jun Avecilla and the Committee he will be chairing next year.

The IYFR World E-Fleet is on Facebook and can be accessed by visiting:

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/IYFRECLUB/?ref=br\\_tf](https://www.facebook.com/groups/IYFRECLUB/?ref=br_tf)





**By: Angelica Mesistrano**  
**Fleet Commodore**  
**Punta del Este Fleet**

### Expedición ANTARKOS XXX



El 7 de enero del corriente en un día lluvioso y nublado zarpamos a eso de las 11 de la mañana del Puerto de Montevideo en el Buque ROU 26 "Vanguardia", con un total de 73 tripulantes, dentro de los que se incluían 7 periodistas.

Luego de unos días de navegación bastante movida con viento de popa como despedida del Río de la Plata y luego navegar por el estrecho de Magallanes y canales fueguinos, con una parada técnica de re abastecernos de combustible y víveres en el Puerto de Punta Arenas, hicimos un espera de las condiciones meteorológicas en Puerto Williams para hacer el cruce del Canal Drake.

Finalmente el cruce del Drake fue con una calma muy rara y mucha niebla que nos hizo reducir la velocidad y realizar los llamados de advertencia por baja visibilidad y los hielos reinantes en la zona.

El día 18 en horas de la tarde divisamos el continente Antártico, un espectáculo muy difícil de expresar con palabras.

Finalmente fondeamos en Bahía Esperanza, frente a la Base Argentina del mismo nombre, donde desembarcamos con las embarcaciones neumáticas para visitar esa base y desembarcar a los tripulantes y todos los materiales necesarios para re habitar el destacamento Uruguayo en el Continente Antártico **Estación Científica Antártica T/N Ruperto Elichiribehety** (ECARE) (El T/N Ruperto Elichiribehety fue el Comandante del Buque Instituto de Pesca N° 1 que en 1916 fue el primer navío de Bandera Nacional en alcanzar latitudes Antárticas)

En la Base Esperanza se encuentra el Club Rotary Base Antártica Esperanza, desgraciadamente no se encontraba ningún compañero Rotario en esta oportunidad, lo que no

nos impidió dejamos los saludos correspondientes de Nuestra Flota Rotaria.

Este Destacamento se encuentra a unos 500 metros de la Base Esperanza, pero viendo estas condiciones meteorológicas se imaginarán lo distante que puede ser esta distancia.

Luego de finalizadas las tareas asignadas al ECARE, levantamos fondeo para dirigirnos a la Isla Rey Jorge donde arribamos y fondeamos frente a la Base Artigas luego de mas de 16 horas de navegación.

Uno de los cometidos más importantes en las campañas antárticas, además del traslado de provisiones y materiales es el traslado del combustible necesario para el abastecimiento de todo el año.

Mi tarea en esta expedición fue estar a cargo de la maniobra control de derrames en el desembarco del combustible, la misma es de suma importancia y de mucho cuidado por las posibilidades de contaminación en el traslado del mismo del Buque a los tanques de almacenamiento.

Para la misma luego de elegir el día de condiciones meteorológicas adecuadas para dicha maniobra, se utiliza una manguera flotante que la rodea una barrera de contención anti derrames. El desembarco de los 180 mil litros de Gas Oil fue todo un éxito.

El día 24 después del mediodía y luego de haber finalizado todos las tareas correspondientes a la descarga levantamos fondeo para emprender la navegación de regreso a casa.

El cruce del Drake no fue tan fácil como el anterior sino que nos esperaba una meteorología más adversa, pero no nos impidió hacer el cruce bien próximo al Cabo de Hornos y el Faro del Fin del mundo.

Luego de una corta estadía de reaprovisionamiento en Punta Arenas, navegando por los canales fueguinos y en Estrecho de Magallanes volvimos al Atlántico.

El día 7 de febrero atracamos a Puerto de Montevideo con mucha lluvia al igual que en la zarpada, donde nos reencontramos con nuestros seres queridos, luego de disfrutar de una experiencia inolvidable.

Atentamente,

**Capitán de Fragata (CP) Pablo N. TEMESIO BALESTRA**





## Expedition Antarkos XXX

English Translation



On 7 January this on a rainy and cloudy day we set sail at about 11am the Port of Montevideo on Vessel ROU 26 Vanguardia " ", with a total crew of 73, among which seven journalists were included.

After a few days of very lively sailing downwind farewell of the Rio de la Plata and then go through the Strait of Magallanes and Fuegian channels (Canales Fueguinos), with an overnight re stock up on fuel and supplies at the Port of Punta Arenas, we did one expected weather conditions in Puerto Williams to make the crossing of the Drake Channel.

Finally crossing the Drake was a rare calm and foggy which made us slow down and make warning calls from the prevailing low visibility and ice in the area. On the 18th in the afternoon we sighted the Antarctic continent, a very difficult show to put into words.

Finally anchored in Hope Bay, opposite the Base Argentina the same name, where we landed with inflatable boats to visit the base and disembark the crew and all the materials needed to re inhabit the Uruguayan detachment in the Antarctic continent Antarctic Research Station T / Ruperto N Elichiribehety (ECARE) (T / N Ruperto Elichiribehety was the Commander of the Ship Fisheries Institute no.1 in 1916 was the first vessel to reach National Flag Antarctic latitudes)

At Esperanza Base lies the Antarctic Base Esperanza Rotary Club, Rotary unfortunately no companion was at this time, which did not prevent us leave the corresponding greetings our Punta del Este Fleet.

This detachment is located about 500 meters from the Esperanza Base, but seeing these weather conditions, you can imagine how distant it may be this distance.

After completion of the tasks assigned to ECARE, got funding to go to the King George Island where we arrived and anchored off the Artigas Base after more than 16 hours of sailing.

One of the most important tasks in Antarctic campaigns, in addition to the transfer of supplies and materials is the transfer of the fuel needed to supply all year round.

My task in this expedition was to be in charge of the maneuver spill control in the landing of fuel, it is very important and very carefully the possibility of contamination in the transfer thereof Ship to storage tanks.

For the same day after choosing appropriate weather conditions for the maneuver, a floating hose surrounding anti Dike spills using. The landing of 180,000 liters of diesel oil was a success.

On day 24 after noon and after having completed all the tasks for the download got funding for start sailing back home.

Crossing the Drake Passage was not as easy as the previous but we expect more bad weather, but did not stop us doing good next crossing Cape Horn and the Lighthouse at the End of the World.

After a short stay in Punta Arenas refueling, checking out the Fuegian channels and Strait of Magellan returned to the Atlantic.

The February 7 docked at Port of Montevideo with much rain as in the clawing, where we reunited with our loved ones after an unforgettable experience.

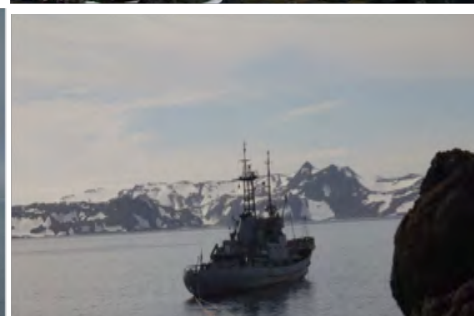
Sincerely,

Frigate Captain (FC) Pablo N. Temesio Balestra





## IYFR Antarctica Photo Gallery



## REGATA VELAS LATINOAMÉRICA 2014



**By: Angelica Mesistrano**  
**Fleet Commodore**  
**Punta del Este Fleet**



“Velas Latinoamérica 2014” es un encuentro de grandes veleros organizado por la Armada Argentina como una de las actividades que se realizarán para conmemorar el Bicen-

tenario de la victoria obtenida en el Combate Naval de Montevideo, hito histórico que fuera elegido en el año 1960 para instituir el Día de la Armada.

En este encuentro internacional 2014, los grandes veleros participantes pertenecen a Brasil, Chile, Colombia, Venezuela, Argentina y Ecuador.

Esta regata tocará los puertos de importantes ciudades y puertos de Argentina, Brasil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, México, Perú, República Dominicana, Venezuela y Uruguay, países que abrirán sus puertos para recibirlos.

Las Armadas latinoamericanas acordaron en la XXV Conferencia Naval Interamericana -celebrada en el 2012 en





*Continuation...*

Cancún (México)- llevar a cabo cada cuatro años un Encuentro de Grandes Veleros. Su finalidad es estrechar y fortalecer los lazos de amistad.

Entre los días 21 y 24 de Febrero nosotros tuvimos la visita, en Punta del Este, de los grandes veleros de banderas Latinoamericanas.

Fue una excelente oportunidad de realizar una navegación con un grupo de compañeros de nuestra flota. Navegamos alrededor de los majestuosos grandes veleros. He aquí algunas fotos que queremos compartir.



## REGATA VELAS LATINOAMÉRICA 2014

*English Translation*



**By: Angelica Mesistrano**  
**Fleet Commodore**  
**Punta del Este Fleet**



Between 21 and 24 February we had the visit in Punta del Este, of the tall ships of Latin American flags.

It was an excellent opportunity for navigation with a group Punta del Este fleet's IYForians. We sailed around the majestic tall ships. Here are some photos we wish to share.

### LATIN SAILS REGATTA 2014

"Latin Sails America 2014" is a gathering of tall ships organized by the Argentina Navy as one of the activities to be undertaken to commemorate the Bicentennial of the victory in the Naval Battle of Montevideo, historic landmark that was elected in 1960 to institute Navy Day.

In this international meeting 2014, are sailing the tall ships of Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Venezuela, Argentina and Ecuador.

This race will touch the ports of major cities and ports in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, Dominican Republic, Venezuela and Uruguay, countries that open their ports to receive.

Latin American Navy agreed at the XXV-American Naval Conference held in 2012 in Cancun (Mexico) - conduct a meeting every four years Tall Ships. Its purpose is to tighten and strengthen the ties of friendship.

- 1 - Itajaí (Brasil)
- 2 - Punta del Este (Uruguay)
- 3 - Mar del Plata (Argentina)
- 4 - Ushuaia (Argentina)
- Cabo de Hornos (Chile)
- 5 - Punta Arenas (Chile)
- 6 - Talcahuano (Chile)
- 7 - Valparaíso (Chile)
- 8 - El Callao (Perú)
- 9 - Manta (Ecuador)
- 10 - Cartagena de Indias (Colombia)
- 11 - La Guaira (Venezuela)
- 12 - Santo Domingo (República Dominicana)
- 13 - Veracruz (México)





## REGATA VELAS LATINOAMÉRICA 2014 Photo Gallery



## Punta del Este Fleet 2nd Anniversary



**By: Angelica Mesistrano**  
**Fleet Commodore**  
**Punta del Este Fleet**

El día 22 de marzo festejamos el aniversario de la Flota Punta del Este. Lo hemos celebrado con una divertida cena y baile. Nos acompañaron visitantes de USA, Argentina y Chile. Nosotros disfrutamos la presencia virtual de IC Sergio Santi por Skype. IC nos saludó con sus calidas palabras y buenos deseos y nos envió sus saludos el IVC Jun Avecilla. Nos acompañaron el IRC Guillermo Arteta, RC Roberto Celentano, Past FC Delta Fleet Martin Gil y FC Rio de la Plata Leon Turjanski. También estuvieron presentes autoridades del Distrito 4980 y el Prefecto de Punta del Este. Nos divertimos mucho. Compartimos alegría, cantamos y bailamos "in the Navy". Hemos hecho honor a los propósitos de las Agrupaciones de Rotary: Compañerismo y Servicio. En la fiesta estuvieron presentes integrantes de 13 clubes rotarios. Hemos arribado a nuestro cumpleaños N° 2 con buenos vientos, 87 marineros y tres escuadrones. Seguiremos con buen rumbo y sostendremos el timon con fuerza mientras continuamos disfrutando de esta maravillosa Agrupación. Si es un placer "Dar de si", lo es mas aun si navegamos mientras lo hacemos.

Hermanos IYForians SALUD !!!  
Brindemos por la mas antigua y numerosa de las Agrupaciones de Rotary.

On March 22, we have celebrated the anniversary of Punta del Este Fleet. We celebrate with a fun dinner and dancing. We were joined by visitors from USA, Argentina and Chile. We had the greeting IC Sergio Santi Skype. IC greeted with warm words and good wishes and sent their greetings IVC Jun Avecilla. We were accompanied by IRC Guillermo Arteta, RC Robert Celentano, Delta Fleet Past FC Martin Gil and FC Rio de la Plata Leon Turjanski. Also the 4980 District authorities and the Prefect of Punta del Este. We had fun. We have done honor to give purpose Rotary Fellowships: Fellowship and Service. We have reached our N° 2 birthday with 87 mariners and three squadrons. We will continue with good course and will hold the rudder hard as we continue to enjoy this wonderful fellowship.

Brothers IYForians CHEERS !!!

We have the oldest, the strongest and most numerous of Rotary Fellowships.







## Punta del Este Fleet 2nd Anniversary Photo Gallery



## AREA 3 NEWS



### Cruise Highlights Area 3 AGM 2014



After successful previous AGM's in Bali Indonesia and Boracay Island in the Philippines, A3 Mariners embark on an 8 nights cruise from Tuesday November 4 to Wednesday November 12 on board the cruise ship aptly named "Mariner of the Seas". The trip will start from Shanghai and call the ports of Xiamen, Hong Kong, and Ho Chi Minh that will culminate in Singapore. The AGM will be held on November 7 when the ship docks in Hong Kong and FC Joann Tse and her Fleet have arranged a full day program for the AGM participants at the Police Officer's Club and a shopping tour for those not attending and a farewell Dinner at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club in Kellet Island at Causeway Bay. 38 persons have signed up for the cruise but more



**By: IPFC Roger Lingard**  
**SWWA Fleet**

members from the Philippine Fleet are expected to fly in and join the AGM. Cruise Director in training IPFC Roger Lingard who is the Chairman of this year's AGM Organizing Committee of one is excited in the forthcoming another historic event. IVC Jun and Lil and PIC Terry and Meryl lead the group that will be attended by Officers and Members from Japan, Philippines, Australia, New Zealand and of course Hong Kong.



*Some members of the Hong Kong Fleet including Pres. Rosemary Byrnes of RC Peninsula Sunrise where FC Joann belongs surprise her with a cake on her birthday on March 19 at the Police Officers Club.*





## 5th Update on Progress with the District 9465 Conference in Mandurah Next Year from March 21-23



### GENERAL:

#### **Registrations for the PCC have now closed.**

Anyone wishing to register for the PCC now may have to go on a 'stand-by' list depending upon available accommodation.

Overall, registrations have proceeded well for IYFR accommodation hotels, the AGM-Gala Dinner and the 2014 Post Convention Cruise ('PCC').

In total so far we have booked 18 hotel rooms, 49 persons for the AGM-Dinner and 49 for the PCC.

#### **IYFR 2014 PCC:**

I have been pleased to advise that to date, 49 attendees have registered and paid.

This will now be the limit for this 'cruise'. A 'stand-by' list will be available should we have any cancellations.



**By: Robert Eaglesham**  
**Host Regional Commodore**

#### **"MEET and GREET" function:**

To be held in the Club Lounge of the 'New South Wales Masonic Club' in Sydney on Saturday afternoon 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014 between 1600-1800 hrs. *This function is free to members.* Drinks are at own expense.

#### **"IYFR AGM & Commodores Gala Dinner"**

We now have 49 members registered and paid for this function, which will be held in the "Cello's Grand Dining Room" of the NSW Masonic Club on Tuesday evening 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014.

We were hoping for an attendance of around 70 members and guests so, we would welcome any further registrations up to the end of March. The registration fee is AUD\$95 pp. Contact [rje@iprimus.com.au](mailto:rje@iprimus.com.au)

#### **IYFR Hotel Accommodation during RI Conference:**

There are now only 5 Queen room's @ AUD \$165 per night available at the Park Regis Hotel.

*The reserved rooms not allocated at The Castlereagh Boutique Hotel have now been withdrawn.*



## 2014 Rotary International Convention House of Friendship IYFR Booth Assignment- Booth #126

Our meeting place. Looking forward to see everyone there!







## South West Western Australian Fleet – DISCON in Mandurah

*By: PFC Murray Mc Nally  
Western Region - Australia*

### Conference Program Highlights



The Rotary District 9465 Conference held in Mandurah concluded on March 23. Everyone had a good IYFR showing with boats present at the conference venue. Some good leads obtained for possible fleet squadrons in Bunbury and Esperance requiring follow up.

The **IYFR South West Western Australian Fleet** was formed in Mandurah in February 2010 and is based in Swan River. The South West Fleet has 27 members, plus partners (see left photo). In the photo are Past Regional Commodore, (PDG) Reginald Willis (centre front), and past commodore of the WA Fleet and commodore of the SWWA Fleet, RC Kerran Campbell (behind Reg).

To become a member one need only have an interest in boating. IYFR Fleets build friendships while sharing an interest in boating.

Western Australian **IYFORIANS** (as they are known) have visited IYFR fleets in the Philippines and Italy, and have reinstituted IYFR Area 3 meetings (i.e., SE ASIA, Western Pacific, Australia and New Zealand). The 2014 Area 3 AGM will be held during a cruise from Shanghai to Singapore, and the International AGM of IYFR will be held in Sydney during the RI Convention in June, 2014.

The Conference Organising Committee and IFYR SWWA had some of their yachts berthed at the MPAC wharf during the Conference.







## Reg's Incredible Donation to Sailability



**By: RC Kerran Campbell**  
**Western Region - Australia**



Life-long Rotarian and former Regional and Fleet Commodore of the Western Australian IYFR Fleet Reg Willis, last year made a generous donation of his 27ft Northshore sailing yacht to the local Sailability organisation. With the blessing of his wife Joice and the rest of his grown-up family, Reg had determined that their future use of the vessel was limited and the boat could be put to better use assisting others to develop their sailing skills.

After speaking with the Sailability group at Royal Perth Yacht Club, the boat was offered to this organisation so they can assist mentally and physically disabled people to enjoy the thrill of sailing. Despite the differing skills of the sailing crews, no changes have been made to the boat, and apart from the duty of care and insurance requirements to have an able-bodied skipper on board at all time, all other as-



pects of each voyage are capably handled by the various crews on board.

Sailability, with the support and approval of the RPYC, has been able to install a custom sling on the jetty to enable physically disabled people to be safely swung on and off the vessel. A contingent of mentally disabled sailors use the vessel one session a week, and a similar usage is made by a team of physically disabled sailors. Perhaps the biggest

benefit from the donation belongs to a group of veterans from the Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan conflicts who are suffering from post traumatic stress disorder. As part of their recovery, this growing body of able bodied vets known as Soldier On, are using the boat as a transition mechanism, and



have show a remarkable affinity with sailing, to the extent they are now capable of sailing themselves and are looking at one day being able to compete in regular sailing fixtures organised by the many Perth yacht clubs. The yacht will need some additional maintenance to come back to a race-ready condition, with the major requirement being a suite of racing sails, and the IYFR WA Fleet are looking to continue their assistance to this project.

Recently they were able to acknowledge Reg's generosity by presenting him with a memento in the form of a framed print of the yacht's presentation to Sailability. The Chairman of Sailability WA, Graham Martin, himself a gold medal winning para-Olympian sailor in the 2000 Sydney games, believes the yacht has only started to pay back to the commu-





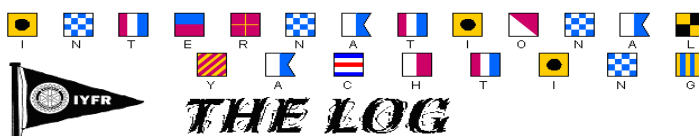


nity in terms of the support it can offer the community. As the teamwork and skills of sailing become known to the wider disabled community he believes Reg's generous do-

nation will have a beneficial effect on many more lives in the future.



## Queensland - The Log



### Issue 7 – February 2014

#### February Meeting – Colmslie Hotel/Motel 5 February, 2014

**Commodore Russell Harrop** welcomed 17 members and first mates. The first mates present were Libby Fern, Mary Spork and Cheryl Windsor. Apologies were received from Michael Bailey, Albert Benfer, John Burkett, Warren Burrows, Bruce Douglas, David Fox and Graeme Ry-lance.

#### Australia Day Honours Award to VC Pat Galligan

**Commodore Russell Harrop** congratulated VC Pat Gal-ligan for receiving a Medal (OAM) in the General Division. In reply Pat said he was proud that Rotary's efforts had been acknowledged.

#### BBQ Lunch at the residence of David and Sue Rich-ards, Dunwich

After some discussion it was decided that Saturday, 22 February was the most suitable day.

#### Visit of the New South Wales Fleet – 28, 29 & 30 March

**Commodore Russell Harrop** advised that the NSW Fleet Team consisting of four couples will arrive on 28 March and the programme for the visit was in the early planning stage. During the discussion a number of useful sugges-tions were presented.

#### Possible change of Meeting Day

**Commodore Russell Harrop** reported that some mem-bers were unable to attend meetings on the first Wednes-day of the month and a survey was done to determine the suitability of other days. Secretary Bob Greenelsh re-

ported that based of the replies received it appears that Thursday will suit more people but the issue isn't clear cut. Following a discussion it was decided to do a second survey to check whether the last Thursday of the month might be the best option for the Fleet's regular monthly meetings.

#### BBQ LUNCH at the residence of David and Sue Rich-ards, Dunwich – Saturday, 22 February

Fifteen members and first mates plus one guest attended the BBQ. The first mates were Joan Bailey, Margaret Cameron, Joanne Dore, Heather Douglas, Sue Richards and Cheryl Windsor. Our guest was Julie Jenkins.

With a strong wind blowing and an overcast sky the water taxis were boarded for the trip to Dunwich to be met by David who arranged transport up the hill to Mermaid Street where Sue welcomed everyone. With introductions completed the serious business of socialising, telling sto-ries and having fun got underway. At the appropriate time David started the BBQ and cooked the steaks and other delicacies to perfection. A range of salads complemented the steaks and lunch was concluded with a choice of fine desserts.

**Commodore Russell Harrop** formally thanked David and Sue for their hospitality and congratulated them on how well they had managed the day's activities. Russell's words were endorsed with loud applause with everyone agreeing that it had been a wonderful IYFR event.

**Commodore Russell Harrop** then led a discussion on possible arrangement for the NSW Fleet visit and a num-ber of suggestions for the programme were put forward. Russell will present the programme at the meeting on Wednesday 5 March.





## Gold Coast Fleet Fellowship



By: **Alan Taylor**  
**FC Gold Coast Fleet**

### Dinner Meeting Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014

A total of 32 Mariners and their 1<sup>st</sup> Mates attended the Dinner Meeting held at the Southport Yacht Club. Our newest members, Harold & Helen Busch were presented with their dinner badges.



*RC Grahame & PRC Birger*



*Ulla, Olaf, Avivi & Birger*

### Dinner Meeting Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014 Attendance

A total of 16 Mariners and their 1<sup>st</sup> Mates attended the Dinner Meeting held at the Southport Yacht Club. I was disappointed at the small audience we had for our excellent speaker. As there were only four apologies, I expected that the majority of the remaining members and their first mates would attend. There was a parking problem due to a singer performing at a concert on the night, but it apparently did not affect anyone. As previously requested, please advise the Commodore by email or phone your intended absences.

#### Apologies

Apologies were received from Grahame & Liz Werrell, Hugh & Nancy Smith, Des & Sue Lovett and Ralph & Lyn Muller.

#### Coming Events

1. The BBQ at Santa Barbara Park will start at 11:00 am on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March. BYO BBQ food/picnic basket and esky. Access is by both road and river. See above for details and the address.
2. A reminder was given to members about the Post Conference Cruise in Sydney in June this year which will be our major event – there are still slots available.

#### Acting Treasurer's Report

Col Makin advised that the bank balance stood at \$490.19

#### Guest Speaker – Ross Anderson

We were privileged to have as our guest speaker Ross Anderson who escaped with his family from a burning Super Yacht.

He was introduced by Bryce Wilson, a colleague at Sailability.

There were 6 guests. Adrian and Jeannie Cook were introduced by Bryce Wilson and Birger Lindeblad, his wife Ulla, his son Olaf, and his son's friend Avivi were introduced by the Commodore. Birger is from Sweden and has been an IYFR member since 1982. He is also a past Regional Commodore for Europe North.

Mr Anderson had hired the luxury Super Yacht Seafaris for a family cruise which departed Cairns late last year. It was the fourth cruise that he had taken on the Seafaris.



*Survivor, Ross Anderson*

At about 5:30am during an overnight transit both he and his wife were awakened by an eerie silence in the cabin when the generator and air-conditioning suddenly stopped.

There was a knock on the cabin door and they were told to leave everything, exit the cabin and make their way to the foredeck. Ross pulled on a pair of shorts and his wife was wearing a nightgown.

Thick black smoke covered the ceiling of the passageway and they had to stoop to see their way.





Crew and passengers assembled on the foredeck but his elderly parents were missing so a crewman was sent to rescue them. Soon everybody was on the foredeck and they were told that the life rafts were aft and that they would all have to go back inside the cabin as there was no external access from the front to the rear of the boat. They formed a chain, stooped low to keep out of the thickening black smoke and managed their way back down the passageway to the aft deck where two life rafts had been deployed.

They successfully boarded the life rafts but each raft had only one paddle which was insufficient to stop the wind blowing them back against the burning boat. Fortunately, two passing fishermen saw their plight and towed the dinghies away from the burning yacht.

They sat back at a safe distance and watched the yacht burn, the fuel containers for the jet skis on the top deck explode and the air bottles, also on the top rear deck, release their gas.

The yacht soon sank with all their belongings, causing Ross' mother to later claim that it was the first time that she had lost her wedding ring and her knickers on the same day.

The cause of the fire was probably caused by a generator on the port engine.

On the rescue side, the Captain made a Mayday call which was relayed to AMSA. In turn, AMSA scrambled an AeroRescue Dornier 328 aircraft which located the distressed yacht very quickly. AMSA also alerted coastal shipping and a nearby Maersk Line container ship rescued the survivors and gave them clothes (overalls) to wear.

They were met at the wharf by a female lawyer who wanted some of the action.

The interest in Ross' presentation was evident as questions extended the presentation for quite some time.

Graeme Rutherford summed up the presentation nicely and thanked Ross.



*Seafaris*



*Photo from Donier*



*Ross' Mother Helped by Lawyer*



## **Sibol Day Care Reroofing**



**By: FM Mel Waje**  
**Cubao West Fleet**



Cubao West Fleet and the Rotary Club of Cubao West FC and President Josie Garcia reported the 100% Complete Reroofing of the Sibol Day Care School at the Rotary Gawad Kalinga Village sponsored by District 3780, RC Cubao West and IYFR through the generous donation from the US Wheel-chair Team on March 19 2014 undertook the rebuilding project .

The project was supervised by JO MELQ CEASAR FLORES VITERBO uap nampap Architect / Master Plumber, Gawad Kalinga Community Development Foundation Inc. Area Coordinating Team Eastern Visayas.





## WORLD MEMBERS DONATIONS UTILIZED FOR BOATS AND PARAWS

**By: VC Joel Guillermo**  
**Philippine Fleet**



The Philfleet Bridge officers headed by IVC Jun Avecilla, CA Max Tan, VC Joel Guillermo with RC Udo Pelkoski, RVC Sven-Olof Tengelin, FC Pros Schlachmuylders made a return visit to Cebu on January 30 for a continuing dialogue with Gov. Ed Chiongbian, PP Wilton Uykungtian, the district Chairman of Disaster Risk Reduction and PP/Senior AG Bernie Lumapas on the utilization of emergency relief undertakings that the District has done with the initial funds provided therefor and the continuing help that the IYFR could provide to the victims of the Super typhoon Yolanda. More than two and a half months since the aftermath, DG Ed advised that they are continuing food relief operations but has also shifted to reconstruction of schools, hospitals and houses that were destroyed and to provide livelihood to affected fishermen. With the additional funds received voluntarily from individual members of the IYFR, it has been decided that the funds will be utilized for the construction of fishing boats for the displaced fishermen of Northern Cebu so that 15 fishing boats were immediately ordered at a cost of P30,000 each fitted with engine and fishing gears. On the other hand DG Ed committed to add 45 boats to the initial pool that expanded the initiative and number of IYFR Fishing boats to 60. It has also been decided that the Cebu Fleet will administer the distribution and management of the boats in Northern Cebu and that PP/AG Tony Ynoc will eventually form an IYFR Fleet in San Remigio to do the task. The expected delivery and turnover of the fishing boats are expected at the third week of March.

IVC Jun in separate talks with the Rotary Club of Boracay President Douglas Fabilane, PP Girlie Teotico and PE Nieva Mendoza in conjunction with the Philippine Red Cross which she heads, have reached an accord to construct two (2) paraws (at a cost of P120,000 each) that will be used for its humanitarian and service needs, employment and livelihood of sailors to operate the paraws for tour charters and island hopping cruises and at the same time with the logos of IYFR and Red Cross emblazoned on the boat and its sails will create curiosity and image enhancement for IYFR and Rotary in the no.1 tourist destination in the country. The boats can also be utilized by members of the Philippine Fleet whenever they do R&R in the island. In the same manner as in North Cebu, the RC Boracay will administer and manage the boats by forming a Fleet in Boracay composed mainly of its club members. 3 fishing boats are additionally ordered and slated for FM Bruce Hall to be given to his hometown in Iloilo. It is noteworthy that two new fleets will be born as an offshoot of these livelihood projects.







## IYFR Philippine Fleet Marks 5th Year



**By: SVC Ven Martillo**  
**Cubao West Fleet**



*IVC Jun leads the singing of "Happy Birthday" and the blowing of the candles on the IYFR cakes at the 5th Anniversary celebration.*

On the night of March 20, 2014, Thursday, the Philippine Fleet, currently an aggrupation of eight (8) IYFR fleets spanning three (3) Rotary Districts in the country, celebrated in revelry and mirth its 5<sup>th</sup> Founding and Chartering Anniversary at the posh and imposing abode of Fleet Officer/Past Rotary Club President, Rommel Carino. The occasion was attended by more than 150 IYFR officers, mariners and guests, coming from as far as the island provinces of Cebu, Aklan, Iloilo and Zambales.

The Guest of Honor for the night's celebration was the Governor of Rotary District 3780, Hon. Cmdre. Francis Rivera. And among the notable Rotary personalities present were Past 3780 District Governor, Hon. Cmdre. Pablo "Ambo" Gangcayco, District Governor-Elect, Congressman Sammy Pagdilao, who was also conferred as Honorary Commodore of the Philippine Fleet. Gracing the occasion likewise were six (6) members of the first Vocational Training Team (VTT) in the Philippines and first Medical VTT in the world composed mainly of laparoscopic surgeons from the industrialized country of Japan. The team was headed by Mr. Tetsuzo Fukuda who raised the funds in his own district by requesting their members \$10 each to be able to come and conduct medical mission here in the provinces ravaged by typhoon Yolanda. It reminds us of our similar contributions from our members.

The red-letter occasion was celebrated appropriately on a Thursday instead of the actual founding and chartering, March 18, a Tuesday, because it is the regular meeting day of the Rotary Club of Cubao West and is a more convenient day for the attendees and guests. The highlights of that eventful night of celebration and merriment was the inspirational talk of the guest speaker, the terse address, cum report of the Philippine Fleet founder IVC/PPJun Avecilla, the giving of various meritorious awards of recognition and appreciation and the conferment of the Honorary Commodore title to DGE Sammy Pagdilao.



## Subic Bay to Boracay Race and The Boracay Cup Regatta

**By: FM Jozen Curva**

IVC Jun Avecilla copped the Overall title in the IRC Cruiser Racer Division winning the Subic Bay to Boracay race and with a clean sweep by winning every race in the Boracay Cup time take home the combined Subic to Boracay Race and Boracay Cup Regatta trophies in his Beneteau First 36.7 *Selma Star*. Hong Kong boats Jelik of Frank Fong and Liannet by Chiu Shing Kin won the Overall in the Racing Class and PY Cruising Class respectively. The sailing events are two of the 12 series races in South East Asia that is part of the Asian Yachting Circuit that determine the Asian Yachting Skipper and Yacht of the Year. Frank Fong is once again a strong contender to defend the crown he won last year.

IVC Jun's winning team is composed of regular sailing buddy Commo. Ricky Sandoval, his two sons Zedrik and Marcus, Swiss balloonist Adrian Held who was also the navigator and Japanese friends Yukie, Yoshi and Shin.







## IYFR Fishing Boats Turnover



**By: CA Max Tan**  
**Cubao West Fleet**



*Mayor Mar, Vice Frede IVC Jun, PDAG Tony, Pres Marcy cut the ribbon in the Turnover Ceremon of the IYFR Fishing boats at the San Remigio Beach Club.*



*Fr Sanie, IVC Jun and DG Ed shake hands during the boat's inspection at the Sared heart parish while DRR Chair Wilton, FS Obet, CA Max, FC Pros PP Mario Manio and RC Udo.*

The turnover and distribution of the first 15 IYFR fishing boats on March 22, 2014 went well at the San Remigio Beach Club in a joyful ceremony headed by the town Mayor Mariano Martinez, Vice Mayor Alfredo Sipalay, other government officials and our host Rotarians from RC Cebu Port Center led by Pres. Masao Kaioke, PADG Tony Ynoc and spouse Gloria, IPP Chito Delator and spouse Helen and PP Allan Limas, IVC Jun, CA Max, FS Obet, RC Udo and FC Pros represented the IYFR. Because of a tropical depression in Mindanao RVC Sven and first mate Norma who are in Bantayan Island missed the affair as ferry service has been suspended. The mayor lauded the fishing boat for fisherman livelihood program as it helps his community bounce back after the devastation of typhoon Yolanda. We informed him that he could urge the fishermen recipients of the boats to help in the cleanup of the beaches and protection of fish sanctuary in his town for which he said was a good idea and will enjoin them as part of their commitment.

You should see the happy faces of the fishermen with some of their children in tow as father and child excitedly test drive their new fishing boat as if they were driving a new a Ferrari

or BMW. Some had tears in their eyes when the boats were being turned over to them by Pres. Masao and IVC Jun.

The day before the turnover at San Remigio, the group inspected the first fifteen of 45 boats that were being built at the Sacred Heart Parish being coordinated by DG Ed and DRR Chair Wilton with the Parish Priest Fr. Dario Miguel Saniel. The parish gives livelihood to its parishioners, carpenters, painters and helpers building the Boats. Similarly in San Remigio aside from the fishermen who received the boats there were many more beneficiaries of the project in the small boat building industry that started to thrive there. They are busy filling orders of hundreds of boats being from various civic organizations. The boats at the parish would have been turned over to pre-selected fishermen at Daan Bantayan but did not quite finish on time. A commitment and pledge by Fr. Saniel has been made to finish everything and ultimately deliver the boats on April 27-28 when the group will return and distribute them in Maya and Daan Bantayan and to charter the new fleet in San Remigio that will oversee the screening and selection of beneficiaries and the eventual assignment and use of the boats to the deserving fishermen.







## Fish Boats Turnover Photo Gallery







## Statement of Account and Latest Report Typhoon Yolanda 120 Days Later

International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians Philippines  
Remittances Received for Yolanda Victim from IYFR and world members

Date	Sender	Amount		Bank Charge	Total in USD	In Peso @P44.00)
Dollar Account -UCPB 1123-9000-1363						
18-Nov	IYFR	US\$	30,000.00	7.50	29,992.50	
27-Nov	FC Angie Mesistrano	US\$	976.00	7.50	968.50	
12-Dec	Joan Tse/HKG Fleet	US\$	3,070.00	7.50	3,062.50	
27-Jan	Pioter Padowski	US\$	900.00	7.50	892.50	
		TOTAL			34,916.00	1,536,304.00
Peso Account - UCPB - 2023-9000-3824						
1-Dec	Robert Eaglesham	Php	10,000.00			10,000.00
27-Nov	Kozo Kajino	Php	42,000.00		(Yen 100,000)	42,000.00
27-Dec	IYFR	Php	515,920.84	1,543.90	11,664.50	514,376.94
		TOTAL				566,376.94
18-Nov	RVC Oyie Valarao		320,000.00			320,000.00
18-Nov	Cubao West/First Class Fleet		103,000.00			103,000.00
15-Dec	FM Clyde Chua		40,000.00			40,000.00
						463,000.00
Total Funds Received						2,565,680.94
Less:						
1	18-Nov	Turned over to District 3860 for Emergency Relief from IYFR				1,300,000.00
2	18-Nov	10 Core Shelters for Bacolod from RVC Oyie Valarao				320,000.00
3	18-Nov	Turned over to District 3860 for Emergency Relief from CubaoWest/FCF				103,000.00
4	15-Dec	Truck Freight Cost 20ft Container for Bantayan from FM Clyde Chua				40,000.00
5	1-Feb	Construction of Fishing Boats and Paraw Project				
		18 Fishing Boat @ Php 30,000			540,000.00	
		2 Paraw @ P 120,000			240,000.00	
		Total Cost			780,000.00	
	1-Feb	Downpayment			450,000.00	450,000.00
		Balance			330,000.00	
5		Full payment for Fishing Boat and Paraw Project				330,000.00
		Total Disbursement				2,543,000.00
Fund Balance						22,680.94

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- North West Italy Fleet/IC Sergio Santi/RC Luigi Falanga/FC Federico Solari
- Western Australia Fleet/RC Kerran Campbell/FC Tony Lalor
- Kobe Fleet/FC Yasushi Morimuri
- Madrid Fleet/RC Bernardo Rabasa/FC Juan Luis Hariero Lopez
- Sozialfonds Rotary Club Munchen-Martinsried/George Hagermayer
- FC Peter Rehfuss/ Lake of Constance Fleet
- FM Axel Theuer/German Fleet North
- GB /A1C Bob Burns/ RC Annette Lewis/FC Rodney Davis
- Hongkong Fleet/FC Joann Tse/PFC Cassidy Lam, IPFC Douglas Hsia, FM's Eric SKChin, Man Ching Hung, Charlie Yip, Jones Wong, Chris Fung, David Cheng, Veronica Dekrey, John Wan, Eddy Wong, Bonnie Wong, Ricky Chan and Alex Leung
- Punta del Este Fleet/FC Angie Mesistrano
- RC Robert Eaglesham/New South Wales and Australian Capital
- RVC Oyie Valarao/Philippine Fleet
- Cubao West/First Class Fleet/FC Josie Garcia
- FM Clyde Chua/Cubao West Fleet
- RC Kozo Kajino/Kajino Clinic





## Editor's Note



**By: IVC Jun Avecilla,**

Almost five months after the destructive super typhoon Yolanda or Haiyan struck the Central Visayas our trip to San Remigio and up to the northern most tip of Cebu in the town of Maya on March 22 still shows remnants of the devastation. Topped off and broken coconut and uprooted trees, fallen electric posts, damage to infrastructures, roads, bridges, seaports, houses, churches, schools, markets and government halls and buildings without roofs. Most of the places though were no longer in shambles, looked tidy, ordered and restored. Fortunately the province suffered only 74 deaths out of the 6,268 reported by the NDRRCC with 1,061 still missing all over the affected areas. But tens of thousands of families have been put to hardship in northern Cebu and hundreds of thousand people greatly affected. Generally people there are no longer hungry and have been up on their feet with the continuing help from many sectors of society. The boatbuilding activity in San Remigio was brisk with literally close to a hundred people, carpenters, painters and helpers taking part and getting livelihood from the project not to mention the hundreds more of fisher folks and their families that benefit from the donated boats.

Digressing a bit, Mr. Tetsuzo Fukuda the head of the VTT from Japan said in his short inspiring speech at our 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary that when he came to Tacloban after the wake of typhoon Yolanda and saw the grief of people requiring medical aid and the massive destruction there, he immediately went back to Japan and asked all the 3,000 members of his Rotary District to contribute \$10 each. He was able to raise \$40,000 as some other members gave more and asked RI for a matching grant that was granted. He thus doubled the money and came back to Tacloban with a team of 6 Doctors mainly surgeons under an RI Vocational training Program. I draw parallelism to our efforts except that we did not know about the matching grant or how to have done that. We must look into that.

PP/PADG Tony Ynoc when he was able to visit his hometown San Remigio a few days after the storm cried in disbelief of the massive destruction there that even his beach resort was not spared. Undeterred, he buckled down to work to rehabilitate his place and helped the town and its commu-

nity gets back on its feet with the fishing boat livelihood program. As we share the same drive and vision, Tony readily agreed to form an IYFR fleet in San Remigio and be its Commodore to oversee the continuing "boat for fishermen" project and its distribution. The fleet will be officially chartered at the end of next month.

PE Nieva Memdoza of RC Boracay and FM Bruce Hall from the Cebu Fleet but lives in Panay Island are waiting in the wings for the turnover of two Paraws and at least 3 fishing boats for his hometown in Iloilo. The fleet that will be formed there will be commemorated by the turnover of the boats. Boracay and Panay Islands are under the Rotary district 3850. When we charter the Boracay fleet we would have 10 fleets in 4 out of the 10 rotary districts in the Philippines; getting closer to our ultimate goal of having a fleet in every Rotary Districts in our country.

Immeasurable goodwill, enhanced public image and greater friendship were fostered in the face of the adversity where the best and the worst character in men showed. Once again, my undying thanks to all our members for their unselfish help. As others may say it's not a fellowship role, I say we are exceptional... "The IYFR... A Fellowship with a Flair for Service".



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