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The Australian-built replica of James Cook's HMB *Endeavour* has been reputed as one of the world's most accurate maritime reproductions. The Australian National Maritime Museum acquired *Endeavour* in 2005, after it had completed 11 years of world voyaging under the HM Bark Endeavour Foundation. The IYFR PCC participants had the unique glimpse and opportunity to board the beautifully crafted ship at Sydney Darling Harbor to imagine and experience a sailor's life on one of history's great maritime adventures, Cook's epic 1768-71 world voyage.



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AGM Minutes of the Meeting



INTERNATIONAL YACHTING FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIANS

2014 Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in "Cello's Grand Dining Room" of the New South Wales Masonic Club, Sydney, Australia on Tuesday 3rd June, 2014.

The Host Regional Commodore, Robert Eaglesham, as MC for the evening, welcomed everyone to the NSW Masonic Club and introduced the IYFR International Bridge Executive to those present, who numbered 82 persons from 11 countries.

Grace was said by PIC Terry Stretton and the serving of the dinner commenced.

A formal welcome to everyone was then given by IC Sergio Santi who officially opened the meeting at 1955 hours and noted the attendance of PIC's Terry Stretton, Bryan Skinner and Ken Winter.

No apologies were formally recorded however, it was noted that many Rotary Convention activities were also being conducted that night and several members had indicated their attendance at same.

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, having previously been circulated, were taken as read. The only item arising from those minutes was the typing correction on the last page from 'Roger' to that of 'Robert'.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous AGM, as amended, be confirmed.

The Treasurer, who was not present, had prepared a detailed Financial Report and comments on the financial position of the Fellowship for the ten months to 30APR2014. The Treasurer's report had been emailed to all attendees prior to the meeting. Member's equity stood at US\$133,798 as at the 30th April, 2014.

IC Sergio spoke briefly to the report and assured everyone that the finances of the Fellowship were perfectly under control and in good shape.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Financial Report, as circulated, be received.

Area Reports were then delivered by AC.1 Bob Burns, AC.2 Guillermo Arteta and AC.3 Jun Avecilla.

Area 1 Report

AC Bob Burns

Membership

Area 1 membership now stands at over 1800, but more importantly, new fleets have been chartered during the past year, and some in new countries for IYFR.

In September, I chartered a new fleet in the south west of England, an area which has been missing a fleet for some years. Then, in February, IC Sergio chartered 3 fleets in East Africa, in Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda and also, very importantly, a new Region of East of Africa. Finally, in April Sergio has also chartered a new fleet in Israel, another new part of the world for IYFR.

New squadrons have also been added to the Iberia Region, in Cartagena, Santander and Czech.

There are also a number of other new fleets in the pipeline in various parts of the Area, so things are looking bright.

The one sad piece of news is that due to the political problems in Crimea, we are not sure what the future of the Crimea Fleet will be, but in the meantime we must offer our support and fellowship to our IYFR colleagues during these difficult times for them.

Fellowship

Good fellowship has continued to be enjoyed throughout the Area during the past year and much of it can be read of in the corresponding editions of 'Rotafloat'.



The Area 1 AGM was held in La Spezia, Italy in October, among the festive atmosphere of the Tall Ships Race, which finished there that weekend. Everyone enjoyed good dinners in naval settings and a visit to the Naval Museum. The AGM was held aboard the 'Nave Italia', the IYFR Flagship in Italy, which was most appropriate. The highlight of the weekend was when we all sailed aboard her for the 'Parade of Sail'.

IC Sergio joined the GB&I Fleets for their AGM in St Ives, Cambridgeshire, in March. Members of the Flying Fellowship also joined us for the weekend, when the main speaker for the Saturday Dinner, Paul Heiney, related how he sailed across the Atlantic Ocean singlehanded. The meeting was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Our Iberian members enjoyed good fellowship with the Turkish Fleets, when a number of them went to Istanbul for a fun weekend with them. It would be great for IYFR if more fleets would exchange visits in this way.

The Swiss Fleet sailed, away from home, when 14 of them chartered three yachts in the Canaries in October and enjoyed themselves so much; they are off to Swedish waters next year.

There was much more good fellowship within regions and fleets throughout the year, such as that enjoyed by the Germans, when the Regional Commodore, Jens Brendel, handed over to Ewert Cramer at a fun weekend in Leer, Ostfriesland.

Our new fleets in East Africa have also started as they intend to go on, with a real fun weekend over the Easter period.

Service

All the grant money this year went to the Philippines, as everyone is aware, but the boat for disabled sailing, to which some of our grant money, in Scotland, from last year went to purchase, is now in use and bringing pleasure to many and IYFR logo transfers have been purchased to go on the transom. HRH Princess Anne, who is a keen sailor, visited the lake this year and was informed all about IYFR. In GB & I the Sussex Fleet again took disabled children sailing on their boats in Chichester harbour, while the Suffolk Fleet took disabled people down the River Orwell on a Thames Barge.

Italian fleets took on the enormous challenge of supplying 2875 life jackets for fisherman and children in Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Benin and the Ivory Coast, where many lives are lost each year. This was new RC Bill Kosar's idea and the Italians rose admirably to the task. It was certainly not without its problems, as can be read in 'Rotafloat'. International Chief of Staff, Luigi Norsa, also hopes many more lifejackets may still be provided.

While this report is not detailing every event in Area 1, I hope it suffices to demonstrate that IYFR is healthy and flourishing in Area 1.

Area 2 Report

AC Guillermo Arteta

All the fleets in the Area went on performing their different programs, decided by every one of them. Some have plans to gradually grow their membership and three squadrons have been created in the hope of developing new fleets. Some are very much involved with regattas, like the Tampa Bay in Florida which also have close collaboration with the local museum to share the local history of sailing and manufacturing. The Punta del Este fleet takes handicapped children sailing, together with the local Coast Guard. The Puget Sound fleet participates in parades representing Rotary, and, of course, takes part in the August annual gathering of American and Canadian fleets. Some meet once a month, either only the bridge or, in some cases, the whole membership. Then, they have events every four or six weeks with partners.

In a general way, there is some apathy and not much enthusiasm for growth, I have to inform, and every advance requires great effort.

Finally, we have a positive sign. For years we've been doing our most to add a new country -Chile- to the Fellowship. On March 22nd last, we chartered the squadron there, based in Puerto Varas, to the South of that country. Well, the news is that it is doing very well and gives us a good scope for optimism.

Area 3 Report

IVC Jun Avecilla

The Organizer of this historic AGM and PCC RC Robert Eaglesham to who we owe our sincere thanks and gratitude gave Area Commodores only 3 minutes to deliver their reports. I will thus try to do that by limiting the same to 3 salient topics. Membership, Regalia and Yolanda.

The total membership in Area 3 has grown by 21% from 621 in 2013 to 748 in 2014. This is in spite of the loss of two fleets, the Mabuhay Rotonda in The Philippines and the Port Lincoln Fleet in Western Australia. We also lost one dedicated member FS Lewis Campbell of the Cebu Fleet after having a stroke. However, 3 new fleets will cover these lost fleets with the charter of the San Remigio Fleet last month (this fleet was born after the recent disaster in the Philippines which I will touch later) and the chartering of the Setouchi Shimanami Fleet in Japan and a Fleet in Tasmania by next week. The new Tasmania Fleet is a timely boost to the Australia Region which has been "cruising quietly where most of the fleets have become social fleets meeting less frequently" from the word of RC



Robert, because the members are getting old. I take note and exception to the Queensland because I have been receiving their newsletter "The Log" regularly that shows their fleet's constant meetings and delightful fellowship activities. Membership in Japan, Hongkong, Philippines and New Zealand have been robust and contributed to the growth.

The regalia distribution has been decentralized and you can now order directly from our Regalia Officer or the Phil Fleet Secretariat. We are sorry that the epaulettes are under order and production in Hong Kong or China and this is being coordinated by IPFC Douglas Hsia. We should have them soon. I have brought some pre-ordered regalia as we are not allowed to sell in the booth.

As you know the Grants for last year has been authorized for the emergency relief of the victims of typhoon Yolanda in the Philippines. That was US\$30,000. Several individual members and fleets of IYFR from around the globe added US\$22,085 to the fund for a total of US\$ 52,085. These amounts were utilized to build fishing boats for the displaced fishermen in San Remigio and Daan Bantayan Northern Cebu. A total of 55 motorized fishing boats were distributed benefiting hundreds of people and families. Two Paraws are yet to be delivered in Boracay but the Rotary Club of Boracay that would soon become our 10th Fleet is requesting that this be converted into a larger pump boat for ferry that could at the same time be used for emergency response of the Philippine National Red Cross chapter whose PE Nieva Mendoza is the Chapter Chairman. We are evaluating the project because firstly, it would cost more than our budget allocation and secondly whether it will be more beneficial to more people for the intended purpose. I will further report on that. Our Phil Fleet members and Club donated Pesos 463,000 or US\$10,767 that was utilized for emergency relief and housing. The accounting of the fund has been published in the Rotafloat Oct-Dec 2013 and Jan-Mar 2014 issues (By the way we have a great team in the Philippines that I work with since I have been appointed the Editor in Chief. Please log in to our website www.iyfr.net although I believe they are also sent by email to the RC's for distribution to their respective fleets and members. Also please email me of any article that you wish to be published in it that is happening in your regions that would be of interest to our members in the other part of the world).

Finally, I happened to meet DG Betty L. Screpnek of D5370 in Canada at the IYFR booth the other day and explained to her our undertaking to help the victims of the typhoon. I will deal on this later in the program because my 3 minutes is already definitely up.

Thank you for your kind attention..

Post Report:

Citations from IVC Jun and VC Joel Guillermo, the Chairman for Disaster and Risk Reduction and simple Tokens of

Appreciation in the form of a replica of a small fishing boat locally known as "SAKAYAN", similar to the ones that we have had made and given to the fishermen, were presented to IYFR and its individual members and Fleets present at the AGM PCC who have generously contributed to the fishing boats program. For those contributors who were not in the AGM, the Philippine Fleet will find a way to send the citations and token replicas whenever possible.



ERRATUM

Ed. note. We regret the inadvertent omissions and misspellings on Page 43 of the Jan-Mar Rotafloat Issue in the Statement of Account under Acknowledgement and Thanks.

RC Piotr Pajdowski of the East Europe Region and FC Wlodzimerz Kustra of the GizyckoFleet

RC Bernardo Rabassa Asenjo/FC Clemente Ubeda, Fernando Calvarro, M^a Angeles Domenech, Juan Luis Harriero, Enabling Consulting Group, S.L., Orgaz Nursery School, S.L.

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DG and Mrs. Ed Chiongbian, DG Betty Screpnek with IVC Jun Avecilla at the HOF Booth.



DG Betty Screpnek, of District 5379 from Sherwood Park, Alberta informed me that she has funds from her district of Can\$10,000 that she intends to donate to Typhoon victims in the Philippines. She was looking for a certain district governor from the Philippines to give it to but she said she could not contact him. I asked her whether she could utilize it for our project instead and explain to her about our Fishing Boat project. I gave her reports from our Rotafloat

which she liked the idea up and set up a meeting with DG Ed Chiongbian who was at the Convention and discussed the arrangements on how to work things out.

I told her she is heaven sent and she replied that God indeed works in mysterious ways. The amount should cover an additional of about 10 fishing boats for the northern province of Cebu.

IC Sergio then delivered his "Year in Review" report to the members and outlined key achievements during the year, in particular, to the easier administration of the fellowship. He reported that the current membership stood at 3279 members in 107 Fleets.

Since September 2013, 12 new fleets (357 members) had been chartered or in the process of doing so. In addition, another 8 fleets are likely to be chartered in the near future.



THE INTERNATIONAL COMMODORE REPORT



By: Sergio Santi
International Commodore



Dear Fellow Rotary Mariners, It is a true pleasure for me to see so many smiling faces, so many old and new Fellow Commodores and Mariners, their Partners, all convened here, the other side of the world for some of us, to enjoy this great 2014 AGM. Let me first of all thank Jun and Robert without whose help and dedication we would not be here tonight to have that fun that is the main objective of our Fellowship. *Great* and *rewarding* are the terms that recur most in my mind analyzing the past 12 months work and the Fellowship's activity. As I must have told you sometimes, when I was in the Navy I was referred as a

lucky Captain and that luck assisted me in choosing a great and dedicated international Team assisting and working at the unison with me to have care of this magnificent Fellowship of ours. Without their constant and generous help we would have gone nowhere: this does not mean that we did not ever have some different point of views. This means that we always have reached a shared decision and this, my dear Friends, it is happiness for any leader. And I feel proud to be yours.



The third and the last thank goes to our Partners that have patiently borne our "busy" moments, when the Fellowship had sometimes priority over our family affairs. Thanks for preparing an extra coffee for our long nights after our PCs.

But the results are under anybody's eyes; IYFR has been taken as an example by Rotary International for all the other old and new Fellowships. Our Activities and our actions have been admired and praised by Rotarians and not only Rotarians. All the Organizations realizing what we have been doing and the nice way in which actions were taken, had only words of appreciation on what had been accomplished by IYFR. Recently we also appeared in the Rotary blog <http://blog.rotary.org> and we will have been in the Breaking Session on Fellowships on June the 2nd.

All what we had imagined to improve IYFR organization has been made:

- We have a new and updated website, easy to maneuver and easy to be handed over. The organization under the COS control is composed by a Webmaster and two Assistants, one for each of the remaining two Areas. No handover trauma any more.
- IMs do not exist anymore as such: those who desired have been recruited in a new Fleet the WORLD E FLEET whose Commodore Robert is here with us tonight and since he frequently travels in Russia, chances are that before or later we have another Russian Fleet.
- Our Swiss Treasurer André, the Italian Cashier Riccardo and Luigi, together with the Region and Area Commodores have done a great Job and the IYFR finances are under total control.
- The Regalia issue has been taken care of; when Area 2 will have solved the messy problem of the Store being in the US and the Regalia Officer in Uruguay, we could reach a more than satisfactory situation being the 3 Area Stores fully able to support the requests. Not a single unnecessary cent has been presented to the various Countries Custom Authorities. All the Fleets who have requested it have been presented with the Bridge Star Burgees and shoulder boards, as all the new Fleets have had theirs for free. Even if it is a cost for IYFR, we believe that this is a service for our Fleets more than a mere source of income. The replenishments costs have gone a bit up so, since July the prices of some items like the members burgee will be raised. A lim-

ited number of jumbo size ones have been ordered and will be available.

- Thanks to George Futas we have also solved the hairy problem of the incorporation in the Washington State. He is taking care of it and also of a minimum account in USD in Seattle that takes care of some US Fleet that has problems to send money overseas.
- As far as the 2014 Grants, as all of you know, everything went to the Philippines after Yolanda mega Typhoon. Jun will give you a much wider report. RI Comment was "the Fellowship stepped up to the challenge". And the poor population was taken care of. Quite enough to be happy!
- We will have to discuss about next year's GRANTS, because our finances without any increase of the annual fees, the equivalent of a couple of beers per Member, might not allow for 30.000 \$. This, in any case, shall be proposed next year when Jun will lead the "Rules Changes Committee".
- In spite of having sadly lost 2 Fleets in the US and around 90 IMs (who were fee delinquent at least twice) the updated account is as follows:

IYFR accounts for 3.279 (= 1886+655+738) Members, 107 Fleets (=59+20+27)

In fact since September 2013 the following Fleets have been chartered or are in process to be:

SUBIC BAY	SEPTEMBER 21	31 Members
GB&I SW FLEET	SEPTEMBER 27	22 Members
KENYA	FEBRUARY 1	22 Members
RWANDA	FEBRUARY 1	26 Members
UGANDA	FEBRUARY 1	25 Members
WORLD E FLEET	FEBRUARY 27	12 Members
ISRAEL	APRIL 25	28 Members
SAN REMIGIO	APRIL 27	18 Members
CROATIA	MAY 31	50 Members
TASMANIA	JUNE 10	45 Members
NEW WESTERN LAKE ERIE	JUNE 11	47 Members
SETOUCHI SHIMANAMI	JUNE 14	31 Members



12 new Fleets	A1 +6, A2 +2, A3 +4	357 New Members
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And this is not all, still in progress: Malta, Czech, Rumania, Lithuania, Russia, South Africa, Tanzania and Greece.

3 more Squadrons: Chile, Santander, Cartagena.

Useless to add anything else but to say: MAINTAIN COURSE AND SPEED and all of us will enjoy our Fellowship for sure!

Thanks to your commitment and dedication we have reached these results; I believe that all the Fellowship deserves a great BRAVO ZULU!!!



A great hug to all of you
your sup's

IVC Jun Avecilla then gave a report accompanied by visuals, of the devastation in the Philippines by Cyclone Yolanda last year. This presentation included details of where and on what, the IYFR Grant Money had been used on for the benefit of the villages.

He then acknowledged the main donee's to the appeal by fleets and individual members and presented a replica of the IYFR fishing boats and nets that had been purchased with the donations to those donee's present on the night.

MC Robert then asked if anyone had any general questions of the executive.

PIT Annette Lewis asked why the accounts of the fellowship for the past 3 years had been removed from the website. IC Sergio said he was not aware of any reason but would follow up on this question.

IRC Guillermo then gave a brief introduction as to what was being considered for next year's AGM and PCC.

IC Sergio then thanked everyone for attending this year's AGM and Gala Dinner; he was most pleased with the venue, the food, the fellowship and made a small presentation to the MC and Host.

The by that moment well known IYFR Toast "aisa aisa aisa" of the ancient Neapolitan Royal Borbon Navy was duly made prior to the traditional 6 touches of the John Barrett's Bell.

There being no further business, the AGM was closed at 2200 hrs with IC Sergio's final command was to "MAINTAIN COURSE AND SPEED and all of us will enjoy our fellowship for sure."

MC Robert also thanked everyone and announced that the evening would finish with the singing of "Old Lang Sine". He invited AC.1 Bob Burns to give a brief explanation which was then followed by the 'Russian Contingent' singing it in English then in Russian language. Everyone then joined in and the evening ended in Fun, Smiles, Barum Barum Barum and Good Fellowship.

Robert Eaglesham
Host Region Commodore
2014 IYFR Events – Sydney

AREA 1 NEWS

Life Jacket Project



By: Sergio Santi
International Commodore



Donated life jackets in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.

In September of 2012, we heard from Bill Kosar, a new member of the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians from Kenya, that fishermen or ferry passengers were drowning in local waters every week because of a lack of life jackets. We knew we had to do something to help.

At first, we set our sights on buying 100 life jackets for kids while our 600 mariners in the Italian fleets would collect unused life jackets from any of our boats, our Yacht Club, and Navy Corps which were out of date with current regulations but still safe to use as emergency devices.

The first batch of life jackets was stored by the Rotary Club of Chiavari-Tigullio, the home base of the Italian Northwest Fleet, then tested and shipped to Nairobi thanks to Commodore Luigi Norsa. A grant from the fellowship covered half the shipping expenses.

We had serious problems delivering the 381 jackets to the Kenya Fleet. But we got help from the Kenyan Maritime Authorities in waving ridiculously expensive fees that were being suggested by local agents. After months of negotiations in Kenya, both the first and a second batch of life jackets totaling more than 2,800 reached their final destinations.

Hundreds of mariners and Rotary members took part in this extraordinary fellowship chain. Sometimes it was not easy to move and store all the gear. The majority of the life jackets, collected by the Center Adriatic Sea Fleet and its commodore, Francesco Filoni, were sent directly to the Rotary Club of Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, from the Port of Ancona in containers lent by a friendly shipping company.

We've already received several enthusiastic reports about the operation; including one from mariner Peter Kasango in Rwanda, who described how the life jackets were being put to good use.

And this is just the beginning. The Italian fleet has another 1,000 jackets that will be sent, once we collect 500 more, to Kenya. Bill and the Kenya fleet are engaged in a great training campaign with the Kenyan authorities which is being supported by local media.

As a result of the operation, we are saving lives in Africa; we have new fleets in Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda; and Rotary and the fellowship are better known throughout the region. We are thrilled to be lending a helping hand. Full speed ahead!!



Life jackets for a school ferry.



Wear It Kenya Campaign



By: William "Bill" Kosar
Regional Commodore
East Africa



On Sunday, June 22, the IYFR Kenyan Fleet in cooperation with the Kenya Maritime Authority ("KMA") launched **WEAR IT KENYA!** to promote the use of lifejackets and water safety in Kenya. Over 60 participated in the event including Rotary Mariners as well as representatives from KMA and the media which was held at Mnarani Club Resort in Kilifi on Kenya's beautiful Indian Ocean Coast.

Boating safety is becoming of increasing concern with reports of over 5000 people each year drowning in Lake Victoria alone. On the western side of Kenya, several of the fishing communities along the Indian Ocean Coast suggest at least 5 drownings of fishermen **per day**. The U.S. Coast Guard estimates that if worn, life jackets could save the lives of over 85% of boating fatality victims. Unfortunately as a result various factors ranging from extreme poverty, lack of education and lax enforcement of safety laws, most of the boaters and fishermen in East Africa do not wear/have lifejackets.

The Rotary Mariners of East Africa ("RMEA"), which includes the IYFR Kenyan, Rwandan and Uganda Fleets, views its mandate to include the promotion of Boating Safety in East Africa. Presentations on boating safety have been given to Rotary Clubs in Benin, Tanzania, Rwanda and Kenya.

The biggest project to date, the Lifejackets for Life Project ("*Un Giubbotto per la Vita*" in Italian) began with the donation last year of 400 lifejackets to the RMEA from the Italian Fleets.

In demonstrating that "Charity Begins at Home," the Kenyan Maritime Authority, who not only assisted RMEA in clearing the last shipment of lifejackets, donated another 50 lifejackets to the LIFEJACKETS FOR LIFE PROJECT. Thirty of these lifejackets were immediately handed over to the Rotary Club of Naivasha in Kenya's Great Rift Valley, who will in turn hand these over to the fishermen of Lake Nai-

vasha. Hopefully this will now focus our attention on Kenya's many lakes. The remaining donation was handed over to the Coast Sea Survival Association in Kilifi, Kenya.

Mrs. Nancy Karigithu, the Director General of the KMA, pointed out that "*A prudent man foresees the difficulties ahead and prepares for them, the simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.*" She then went on to remark that she was "thrilled to be part of the Rotary Mariners of East Africa's 'Wear it Kenya' Campaign to mark National Safe Boating Week, which aims at promoting safe and responsible boating practices in Kenya."

The Kenya Maritime Authority also operates the Regional Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (RMRCC) in Mombasa which covers the search and rescue regions of Kenya, Tanzania, Seychelles and Somalia. While the centre operates as a Piracy Information Sharing centre, it also provides communication services where seafarers/fisherfolk/water users can call in for help in cases of distress while at sea, and responds to requests for information or assistance on a 24 hour basis. It also coordinates search and rescue operations within the regional waters thus reducing fatalities related to sea incidents. In addition, it also warns mariners and fisherfolk of dangerous routes and harsh weather and records daily movement of fisherfolk.

Further details and photographs of the Lifejackets for Life project can be found at:
www.facebook.com/Rotarymarinersea or contact RC Bill at rmeastafrica@gmail.com

Rtn William Kosar is the IYFR Regional Commodore for East Africa and a Charter Member of Rotary Club of Watamu (Kenya)



Wear It Kenya Campaign Speeches **22nd June, 2014: Mnarani Club, Kilifi County**



It is a great honour for me to be standing here with old and new friends to celebrate Lifejackets Day in Kenya and to kick off “WEAR IT KENYA” to promote a culture of water safety by wearing lifejackets.

I would particularly like to thank and welcome the Kenya Maritime Authority for partnering with the Rotary Mariners of East Africa in this water safety campaign.

Accidents happen too fast on the water to reach for stowed life jackets. Most boating fatalities are drownings – and 84 percent of those who drown, while boating, are not wearing a life jacket.

Going boating today? Don't just carry a life jacket – ‘Wear It!’ You & your passengers should wear your life jacket all the time while underway.

Unlike years gone by, these days lifejackets are available in new styles that are comfortable, lightweight and perfect for any boating activity or sport so there is no excuse not to be safe on the water.

As a boat owner, whether as a commercial or leisure operator, you're in command of the safety of your passengers. Make sure your passengers and crew always “Wear it!”

Rotary Mariners of East Africa

The International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians is the oldest and largest of the Rotary Fellowships.

Membership is open to any Rotarian, Rotaractor or spouse of a Rotarian.

It began in England in 1947 and has grown to 110 fleets around the World, with more than 3000 members in 25 countries.

Fleets have recently been chartered in Kenya, Uganda & Rwanda.

You need not have a boat; just a love of the sea. Indeed, just 2 or 3 of the almost 100 members in East Africa have a boat.

Lifejackets for Life Program/ Un Giubbotto per la Vita

400 lifejackets donated by Italian Rotary Mariners were distributed to fisherman & ferryman and school children who commute by boat in Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda last October.

Rotary Clubs across East Africa assisted in the logistics of identifying users, sensitizing local authorities, as well as distributing the lifejackets.

Rwanda and Uganda have given their allocation of lifejackets to local communities that travel from an island to the mainland for their daily business. In Kenya they were donated to several communities in Mida Creek as well as to local fisherman in Malindi, Watamu and Kilifi.

One idea worth noting is that in Malindi, the Beach Management Unit has set up a lending “library” for the lifejackets. So you come in in the morning and sign out say 5 lifejackets and at the end of the day you return them.

Another 1000-1500 lifejackets from our many donors in Italy will soon be on the way and delivered by the Italian Navy. These will be distributed throughout East Africa with the lion's share remaining here in Kenya.

In demonstrating that Charity Begins at Home, our partners, the Kenyan Maritime Authority, who not only assisted us in clearing the last shipment of lifejackets, is TODAY, donating another almost 50 lifejackets to the LIFEJACKETS FOR LIFE PROJECT.

30 of these lifejackets are being handed over today to President Juanita Ndila of the Rotary Club of Naivasha who will in turn hand these over to the fishermen of Lake Naivasha. Hopefully this will now focus our attention on Kenya's many lakes.

Well I sincerely hope that we have saved at least 400 lives with many more to come. If there's even one life that can be saved, we've got an obligation to try.

In closing, I ask that all of the Rotary Clubs, fishermen and those who go out to sea in small boats to rescue those in need make good and proper use of these lifejackets and begin to observe a culture of water safety.

And remember the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson that resonate perfectly with all that is Rotary – “It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself... Serve and thou shall be served.”



"A prudent man foresees the difficulties ahead and prepares for them, the simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences."

Ladies and gentlemen, 'Safety first is safety always'. I am thrilled to be part of the Rotary Mariners of East Africa 'Wear it Kenya' Campaign to mark the National Safe boating week, which aims at promoting safe and responsible boating practices in Kenya.

One of the major functions of the Kenya Maritime Authority is the promotion of maritime safety and security through regular inspection of vessels to ensure compliance with national maritime standards. Maritime safety is not an intellectual exercise to keep us in work, it is what we hold dear at heart to ensure safety of life of all persons who use our waters for transport, commercial or sporting activities. Most water users usually throw caution about their safety in the waters, to the wind. Thus, they are exposed to an array of dangers while in the waters; from death by drowning to loss of property.

Ladies and gentlemen, majority of water accidents on Kenyan waters occur due to non-compliance with maritime safety standards, non-use of life jackets being one of them. Unseaworthy vessels pose a great danger on our waters. They are a water safety hazard, a threat to precious lives that could be lost at sea and a threat to our pristine marine environment. Kenya Maritime Authority has been persistent in its efforts to instill a water safety culture among water users and indeed all Kenyans. The Authority continues to engage in public and community sensitizations around the country and among vessel owners and fisherfolk on pertinent water safety issues, most importantly on the use and donning of life jackets and compliance with maritime safety standards. The Authority also continues to invest in stakeholder partnerships to progress issues of maritime safety and security on Kenyan waters.

Ladies and gentlemen, what is so special about Life jackets? You may wonder. Life jackets also known as Personal Flotation Devices (PFD), are used to keep boaters and people using watercrafts safe in the event of a water accident. Life jackets come in different styles but still serve the same protective purposes. They prevent wearers from

sinking and drowning, especially if they cannot swim or have been injured. They also allow people to float if they are experiencing shock from being thrown into freezing water. Injuries and heavy, waterlogged clothing that might otherwise cause people to sink in water are offset by life jackets' buoyancy. The typical bright colors given to life jackets allow wearers to be spotted by rescue teams. Yes, life jackets save lives at sea, but only when donned correctly. Once you have a lifejacket that is the correct size, it is vital that you fit it correctly. Secure the crotch straps, if fitted, and make sure all straps are firmly adjusted. Fitting your lifejacket correctly is the difference between struggling to keep your head above water and a relaxed float. I believe you will now agree with me that we all need our life jackets on whenever and wherever we sail.

Ladies and gentlemen, allow me to point out that the Kenya Maritime Authority also operates the Regional Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (RMRCC) in Mombasa which covers the search and rescue regions of Kenya, Tanzania, Seychelles and Somalia. While the centre operates as a Piracy Information Sharing centre, it also provides communication services where seafarers/fisherfolk/water users can call in for help in cases of distress while at sea, and responds to requests for information or assistance on a 24 hour basis. It also coordinates search and rescue operations within the regional waters thus reducing fatalities related to sea incidents. In addition, it also warns mariners and fisherfolk of dangerous routes and harsh weather and records daily movement of fisherfolk. The centre has a **toll free line 110** that can be used in case of reporting any emergencies at sea or calls for assistance. We encourage you to use and access the centre for its services.

Ladies and Gentlemen, It has always been said that *coming together is just a beginning, Keeping together is a progress and working together is success.* Allow me, to thank you all for your commitment to the water safety initiative, your willingness to set it off and see it running successfully, your undeniable passion to be ambassadors of water safety in our waters, your moral support to one another, strengthened bonds of friendship and valuable partnerships will certainly make a great difference in promoting maritime safety on our waters.

Let us all Wear it! Wear it ! Wearing our life jackets when boating does save lives. Let us share this safety motto with all, young and old, far and wide. *"If you have knowledge let others light their candles in it. A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle."*

GOD BLESS YOU ALL

Nancy W. Karigithu (Mrs.)

Director General



Contributo Nubifragio Sardegna

By: Prof. Luigi Apuzzo
Commodore
Flotta Roma - Centro Italia

Cari amici,
Sono passati alcuni mesi da quando la Sardegna è stata colpita dal nubifragio. D'accordo con i nostri mariner, impegnati nelle operazioni di soccorso, prima di corrispondere i contributi raccolti, abbiamo preferito attendere che la situazione fosse meno emotiva e più chiara.



Oggetto: Nubifragio in Sardegna

Cari amici

Quando sulla Sardegna si è abbattuta la tragedia del recente nubifragio, è immediatamente scattata la catena della solidarietà.

Anche la nostra Flotta ha desiderato essere vicina a tanti colpiti dalla tragedia e ad essa si sono uniti con grande ed entusiastico slancio anche i ragazzi del Rotaract e gli amici della Flotta Spagnola di Madrid, e della Flotta North West di Genova.

Fin dall'inizio ci siamo resi conto che da ogni parte arrivavano, a pioggia, aiuti anche ben più consistenti; ma non sempre ai più bisognosi. Quindi, insieme ai nostri mariner, che hanno prestato il loro servizio sul posto, abbiamo deciso di attendere che l'ondata emotiva fosse passata e che si potesse avere un quadro più preciso di chi e come aiutare con il nostro contributo e le nostre forze.

Abbiamo individuato l'Istituto San Vincenzo di Olbia: un Istituto religioso che non è stato tra i centri ufficialmente accreditati per la raccolta e la distribuzione degli aiuti; tuttavia ad esso si sono rivolte le persone bisognose di soccorso, perché da sempre sanno che chi bussa alla sua porta non riparte a mani vuote, fosse anche solo con una parola di conforto e di incoraggiamento.

Gli spazi della casa, solitamente riservati all'accoglienza ed alle riunioni, sono stati alleggeriti dei mobili che abitualmente li occupano per lasciare spazio a scaffali e sten-

Oggi abbiamo finalmente deciso di dare il nostro aiuto all'Istituzione che ci è sembrata più bisognosa.

Nella allegata lettera abbiamo cercato di sintetizzare le ragioni della nostra scelta. Speriamo che sia condivisa anche da voi.

Con molti ringraziamenti
Luigi

der per poter raccogliere in maniera igienica materassi, coperte, cuscini, biancheria, viveri, materiale per l'igiene ed indumenti.

Questo lavoro è stato molto faticoso, ma anche motivante e gratificante allo stesso tempo, perché le calamità sono, per alcuni, ma fortunatamente non per tutti, l'occasione per ripulire "finalmente..." gli armadi e gli scantinati, e, come ci hanno insegnato, "le cose vecchie, invece di buttarle, le possiamo dare ai poveri".

Molto impegnativo è stato il lavoro nella mensa vincenziana, dove, non solo i pasti serviti a tavola sono raddoppiati, ma sono stati consegnati ad oltre 20 famiglie pasti pronti e caldi, direttamente a domicilio, grazie all'aiuto di tanti volontari che si sono messi a disposizione.

Fra i vari interventi, l'Istituto, con le somme pervenute ha potuto aiutare alcune famiglie bisognose ad acquistare un'auto di 2° mano per riprendere il lavoro, a ripristinare l'impianto di riscaldamento, a sostituire il portone di casa andato distrutto, ad acquistare materiale per intonaci e pitture, a sostituire qualche mobile o elettrodomestico indispensabile

Ora occorre affrontare lo sforzo finale che richiederà molte energie mentali, fisiche ed anche economiche, e per questo abbiamo deciso di devolvere il nostro, il vostro contributo all'Istituto San Vincenzo di Olbia.

Chi desiderasse contribuire direttamente, potrà farlo anche direttamente, inviando la sua offerta a:

Congregazione Figlie della Carità di S. Vincenzo de Paoli

Via De Filippi, 38 07026 Olbia Codice

IBAN: IT 17M010158498 0000 0000 27587

A nome dell'Istituto, di quanti ne beneficeranno, e mio, in particolare, un sentito ringraziamento.



Contribution Storm Sardinia (English Translation)

By: Prof. Luigi Apuzzo
Commodore
Flotta Roma - Centro Italia

Dear friends,
It's been a few months since Sardinia has been affected by the storms. In agreement with our mariner, engaged in rescue operations, first to pay the contributions collected, we preferred to wait for the situation to be less emotional and more clear. Today we finally decided to give our aid to the institution that seemed to us most in need.



Subject: Cloudburst in Sardinia

Dear friends,

When Sardinia was struck by the tragedy of the recent storm, it is immediately taken the chain of solidarity.

Even our Fleet wanted to be close to many affected by the tragedy and it came together with great and enthusiastic momentum even the guys Rotaract and friends of the Fleet Spanish in Madrid, and the Fleet North West of Genoa.

From the beginning we realized that came from all over, to rain, aid also much more consistent; but not always to the most needy. So, along with our mariner, who have lent their service on the spot, we decided to wait for the wave emotion had passed and she could get a better picture precisely who and how to help with our contribution and our forces.

We have identified the Institute of Saint Vincent Olbia: Institute religious who was not among the officially accredited centers for the collection and distribution of aid; however it have turned people in need of rescue, because always know that who knocks on his door again not empty-handed, even if only with a word of comfort and encouragement.

The spaces of the house, usually reserved to 'hospitality and the meetings, were relieved of furniture that usually they deal to make room for shelves and garment rails to

In the attached letter, we tried to summarize the reasons for our choice. Hopefully it will be shared by you.

With many thanks
Luigi

collect in a hygienic mattresses, blankets, pillows, bedding, food, material for the 'hygiene and clothing.

This work was very tiring, but also motivating and rewarding at the same time, because disasters are, for some, but fortunately for all, an opportunity to clean up "Finally ..." the closets and basements, and, as we have taught, "old things instead of throwing them, we can give the the poor. " Very difficult was the work in the canteen Vincentian, where, not only the meals served at the table are doubled, but were delivered to more than 20 families ready meals and hot, directly to home, thanks to the help of many volunteers who have made available.

Among the various initiatives, the Institute, with the sums received could helping needy families to buy a 2nd hand to resume work, to restore the 'heating system, to replace the door of the house was destroyed, to buy material for plaster and paint, replacing some furniture or essential household appliance

Now we must face the final effort that will require a lot of energy mental, physical and even economic, and for this we decided to donate our, your contribution to the Institute San Vincent of Olbia.

Those who wish to contribute directly, you can do it too directly, by sending your offer to:

Congregation of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul

Via De Filippi, 38 07026 Olbia

IBAN: IT 17M010158498 0000 0000 27587

On behalf of the Institute, of those who will benefit, and mine,

Specifically, a heartfelt thanks.



Croatia and Slovenia Activities



By: Marko Murn
Past Fleet Commodore
IYFR Slovenia

The Slovenian regatta Carniola 24.-27.5.2014 was a great success. There were 14 boats and 90 participants. We had guests from IYFR fleets Germany North East, Germany South, Weser-Jade and Swedish Skaw (10 foreigners). We have chartered monotypes Bavaria-46 at marina Kaštela, Split. The route was Split-Rogač island Šolta-Jelsa island Hvar-Bol island Brač and back. Four days of intensive gathering within international crews and culinary evening dinners raised very high atmosphere and all participants did enjoy the Rotarity. We collected 6.000€ money, that was donated to Darko Đurić, the Slovenian paraolympic winner in 50m dolphin swimming for his new legs (he has just one hand and had won the London paraolympics).

The IYFR Slovenia has financed this year 2 schools to send their handicapped children on the 4 days sailing event »Jadranje za jutri« (Sailing for tomorrow) that took place at Pula, Istria from 28.-31.5.2014. My wife Tatjana was participating as the professor with her school for blind and she reported me that the children did enjoyed very much. There were 7 boats from 7 slovenian schools, every crew of 6 pupils, 2 professors and 2 professional skippers.

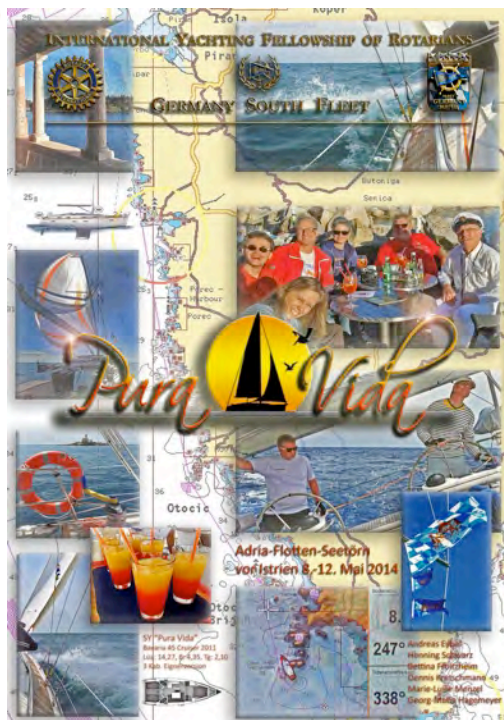
I cannot confirm my participation at Varna GM in September yet, but do hope, we could meet at the next Croatian

meeting, where I am ready to take over the regional commodoreship, but do please, inform me about the obligations. As mentioned in the report of »Croatia YFR« fleet charter: they plan their next meeting 18.-19. September at marina Betina, when the croatian Rotary regatta will have their overnight stop in the marina. Boris will inform you about exact timing as soon the regatta committee confirms the program (in 1-2 weeks from now). For this date in September they have announced the formal charter of the fleet with all the certificates and regalias.

With the last regatta we have broken the ice for international IYFR gathering and I will give my full effort for the next Spring to get even more IYFR fleets from Europe to the regatta Carniola. What we found out this year, all participants want to make mixed international crews (not a crew from one fleet and a separate boat for another fleet). It turned out very interesting to exchange sailing practices, to make good team building and friendships within these crews. Herewith I would like next year to get also some Italian friends to join us. I do understand that sometimes there is a language issue, but we have also italian speaking skippers and we could overcome language challenge.



Germany South Fleet



AREA 2 NEWS



Primeros Scouts Marinos Chilenos que integran la Agrupación "Piloto Luis Pardo", realizan su promesa de servicio.

First Chilean Sea Scouts that make up the Band "Luis Piloto Pardo", perform their service promise.



By: Angelica Mesistrano
Fleet Commodore
Punta del Este Fleet

Rotary



En el marco del homenaje que realiza el Rotary Club de Puerto Varas a las Glorias Navales, el primer grupo de Scouts Marinos Chilenos, que integran la Agrupación "Piloto Luis Pardo", realizarán su promesa de servicio.

Esta iniciativa impulsada por la Fundación "Mar de Chile", institución que contribuye al fomento de la conciencia marítima nacional, se realiza en alianza con el Rotary Club de Puerto Varas, la Unión de Scouts Marinos de Chile y con el fundamental apoyo de la Armada de Chile. Cabe hacer presente que el Rotary Club de Puerto Varas ha creado el primer escuadrón chileno de Navegantes Rotarios IYFR (International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians), quienes apoyarán directamente esta actividad.

Esta nueva rama marina vinculada a los Scouts, busca orientar a jóvenes en el servicio a la comunidad con el uso sustentable del medio ambiente marino, aprendiendo diferentes disciplinas de los deportes náuticos, aprovechando los beneficios de la nutrición de mar y practicando con sus compañeros de esta agrupación, valores como la camaradería, espíritu de cuerpo y solidaridad, junto con el desarrollo de habilidades vinculadas al liderazgo. En esa línea difundirán la hazaña realizada hace casi 100 años atrás en la Antártica, por el Piloto 1º Luis Pardo Villalón al rescatar a la tripulación del HMS "Endurance".

Así, cuatro instituciones vinculadas por el servicio a la comunidad, zarparán con esta positiva iniciativa impulsando en nuestra sociedad, valores en torno a la formación integral de los jóvenes cimentada en la rectitud en su actuar, el honor, la generosidad, el respeto por los demás y el medio ambiente junto a la lealtad y la perseverancia.

La actividad se realizará este viernes 09 de Mayo a las 19:45 hrs. en la sede del Rotary Club Puerto Varas – Fogón Rotario, ubicado en la Ruta 5 salida Sur de Puerto Varas al lado de Estación de servicio Shell.

Contacto:

Walter Eaglehurst, Presidente Rotary Club Puerto Varas.
Allan Youlton, Gerente General Fundación "Mar de Chile". Celular: 94894457.

As part of the tribute that hits the Rotary Club of Puerto Varas at Navy Day, the first group of Chilean Sea Scouts, who make up the group "Luis Piloto Pardo", made its service promise.

This initiative by the "Mar de Chile" Foundation, an institution that helps to promote national maritime awareness is done in partnership with the Rotary Club of Puerto Varas, the Union of Sea Scouts of Chile and the fundamental support of the Navy of Chile. It should be mentioned that the Rotary Club of Puerto Varas has created the first Chilean squad Navegantes Rotarios IYFR (International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians) who directly support this activity. This new marina branch linked to the Scouts, seeks to guide young people in community service with the sustainable use of the marine environment, learning various disciplines of water sports, reaping the benefits of nutrition sea and practicing with fellow this group, the values of camaraderie, team spirit and solidarity, along with the development of skills related to leadership. In that line disseminate the feat on nearly 100 years ago in Antarctica, by Pilot Luis Pardo Villalón 1 to rescue the crew of HMS "Endurance".

Thus, four institutions involved in service to the community, set sail with this positive initiative promoted in our society values around the integral formation of young people founded on righteousness in his actions, honor, generosity, respect for others and the environment with loyalty and perseverance.

The event will be held on Friday May 9 at 19:45 hrs. headquarters in Puerto Varas Rotary Club - Rotary Hearth, located on Route 5 south of Puerto Varas out beside Shell gas station.

Contact:

Eaglehurst Walter, President Rotary Club Puerto Varas.
Youlton Allan, General Manager Fundación "Mar de Chile". Mobile: 94894457.





Miembros de IYFR dan inicio al primer grupo de scouts marinos chilenos

Members IYFR kicking off the first group of Chilean marine scouts.



El Escuadrón Chileno de la Flota Punta del Este, junto a tres instituciones vinculadas al servicio a la comunidad, zarpan en una positiva iniciativa, la creación de los primeros Scouts Marinos de Chile. Ellos impulsan en la sociedad valores en torno a la formación integral de los jóvenes cimentada en la rectitud en su actuar, el honor, la generosidad, el respeto por los demás y el medio ambiente junto a la lealtad y a la perseverancia.

Esta iniciativa se lleva a cabo impulsada por el Capitán del escuadrón chileno Walter Eaglehurst y es acompañado por la Fundación Mar de Chile, Rotary Club Puerto Varas, La Armada de Chile y la Fundación Mar de Chile.

Walter y un grupo de IYforians dedican sus horas a entrenar e impartir conocimientos y entrenamiento a estos jóvenes. Por primera vez el logo de IYFR es agregado al uniforme de los scouts marinos.

Esta nueva rama marina vinculada a los Scouts, busca orientar a jóvenes en el servicio a la comunidad con el uso sustentable del medio ambiente marino, aprendiendo diferentes disciplinas de los deportes náuticos, aprovechando los beneficios de la nutrición de mar y practicando con sus compañeros de esta agrupación, valores como la camaradería, espíritu de cuerpo y solidaridad, junto con el desarrollo de habilidades vinculadas al liderazgo.

International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians contribuye de esta manera a la formación de las nuevas generaciones de rotarios. Cumpliéndose así el objetivo de Rotary Internacional de formar una juventud que desarrolle el liderazgo y la integridad personal, respetuosa, y con la disposición de servir a los demás y que de valor a la responsabilidad individual y la tenacidad en el trabajo.



The Chilean Squadron Fleet Punta del Este, with three institutions involved in community service, set sail on a positive initiative, the establishment of the first Chilean Marine Scouts. They boots into society values around the integral formation of young people founded on rectitude in his actions, honor, generosity, respect for others and the environment with loyalty and perseverance.

This initiative is driven out by Chilean Squadron Captain Walter Eaglehurst and is accompanied by Rotary Club Puerto Varas, Chile Navy and Chilean Sea Foundation.

Walter and a group of IYforians devote their hours to train and impart knowledge and training to these young people. For the first time IYFR logo is added to the Marine Scout uniform.

This new marina branch linked to the Scouts, seeks to guide young people in community service with the sustainable use of the marine environment, learning various disciplines of water sports, reaping the benefits of nutrition sea and practicing with fellow this group, the values of camaraderie, team spirit and solidarity, along with the development of skills related to leadership.

International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians thus contributes to the formation of new generations of Rotarians. Thus fulfilling the objective of forming a Rotary International Youth that develop leadership and personal integrity, respectful and willingness to serve others and of value to individual responsibility and hard at work.





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TRAVESTÍA.— Una experiencia inolvidable fue para los scouts de mar el viaje por el canal de Tengel y la costa de Puerto Montt, ya que algunos nunca habían navegado.



INSTRUCCIÓN.— En la cabina del yate Terranova, los niños reciben instrucción "manipera" y técnicas scout. El más pequeño, Pedro Luján (con pedera naranja), tiene 6 años y su interés está en conocer la fauna marina de la zona.

Experiencia piloto busca interesar a menores en el cuidado del mar y las costas del país: En Puerto Montt, y con apoyo de la Armada, debuta el primer grupo de scouts de mar

Lo integran 18 jóvenes que comenzaron a conocer los secretos de la navegación en un viaje de instrucción frente a la isla Tengel.

SOLIDAR NEUTRA.

"Es increíble que tengamos esta cantidad de kilómetros de costa (más de 4.500) y seamos los primeros scouts marinos. Pense, ¡ah!, tengo que tomar esto en serio", dice, reflexivo, Agustín Mancilla (13).

Alumno de séptimo básico en el Colegio Germania, de Puerto Varas, pertenece a la primera brigada de Scouts Marinos formada recientemente en el país. Un plan piloto que busca que, en el largo plazo, miles de niños

y jóvenes a lo largo del borde costero de Chile miren al mar con su pañolín al cuello y el ideal scout internalizado, explica el jefe scout, Jorge Riquelme.

"En el mundo hay 70 mil scouts marinos y en América Latina solo en Chile no existen", dice, enérgico, Walter Eaglehurst, presidente del Rotary Club de Puerto Varas, entidad que junto al Instituto del Mar y el apoyo de la Armada de Chile, desarrollan esta iniciativa.

El objetivo es acompañarlos desde niños con el cuidado del

mar y las costas. Así, estos scouts navegantes, cambiarán las excursiones a los bosques suroños por cruceros de instrucción, las carpas por balsas de sobrevivencia, las que aprenderán a usar.

Los jóvenes hicieron su primera scout en medio de las conmemoraciones del Mes del Mar. Algunos no habían navegado, pero ya tuvieron su primer contacto con la "marinería".

Y lo hicieron poniendo prueba al suroeste, desde Chiriquibue hacia caleta Angelmo y luego rodearon la isla Tengel. Una experiencia que les abrió el apetito.

"Quiero sacar el patrón de bahía (licencia). Me interesa mucho el tema náutico", dice Thomas Winkler, quien cursa segundo medio en el Instituto Alemán de Puerto Montt.

Su hermana Katherine no quiso quedarse en tierra. Con 10 años, es la única niña del grupo, aunque podría llegarle compañía, pero "solo una más, porque la idea es trabajar bien con este grupo por lo menos durante todo este año", dice Eaglehurst.

Nuevos conocimientos

"¿Qué es la amura? ¿Dónde está la mesana?", pregunta el je-

fe y los niños se esfuerzan por descubrirlos en el pequeño modelo de embarcación, que está sobre la meseta en la cabina del Terranova.

En las próximas semanas seguirán trabajando en la capacitación de puerto de Puerto Varas, al alero de la Armada.

"Queremos contribuir a la conciencia marítima, acercar a los jóvenes al mar (...) y aportar valores, como la camaradería, el espíritu de cuerpo y la solidaridad. También desarrollar habilidades vinculadas al liderazgo. Y que estén preocupados por el medio ambiente", dice Allan Yañez, gerente de la Fundación Mar de Chile.

Homenaje

El proyecto lleva el nombre de Piloto 1° Luis Pardo Villalón, quien hace casi 100 años protagonizó el rescate en aguas antárticas de la tripulación del HMS Endurance, una expedición científica británica atrapada en el hielo austral.

"Piloto Pardo, porque queremos darles como terna a estos niños difundir esa hazaña", recalcan en la Fundación Mar de Chile. Una hazaña un poco olvidada que da cuenta de un esforzado rescate que muchos intentaron, pero solo el pequeño escarpado "velho" logró su cometido.

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REGATA VELAS LATINO AMERICA 2014



El día sábado 3 de mayo del 2014, al medio día arribaron a la ciudad de Manta, Ecuador, los veleros participantes en la "Regata Velas Latino América 2014", entre ellos estaban el Buque Escuela Guayas de Ecuador y la Fragata Libertad de Argentina, estos dos buques llevaban a bordo el logo de RI y unas pancartas que las han venido exhibiendo en los puertos de; Punta del Este (Uruguay), Mar del Plata y Ushuaia (Argentina), Punta Arenas, Talcahuano y Valparaíso (Chile), Callao (Perú) y Manta (Ecuador), por este motivo el gobernador del Distrito 4400, Rafael Quintero, el coordinador zonal de la imagen pública de RI EGD Germán Yépez y los miembros de la International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians, Fleet Guayaquil Ecuador; Jorge Herrera Comodoro y Lindberg Barberán, estuvieron presentes al arribo de estas naves para hacerles entrega a sus comandantes, de una placa del distrito, como reconocimiento y agradecimiento por contribuir a realzar la imagen pública de Rotary realizada durante la regata.

On Saturday, May 3, 2014, at noon arrived in the city of Manta, Ecuador, sailboats participating in the "Race Latino America 2014 Sails", among them were the Ship Guayas of Ecuador and Frigate Libertad of Argentina, these two vessels carrying on board of RI logo and the placards that have been exhibiting at the ports; Punta del Este (Uruguay), Mar del Plata and Ushuaia (Argentina), Punta Arenas, Talcahuano and Valparaíso (Chile), Callao (Peru) and Manta (Ecuador), which is why the governor of District 4400, Rafael Quintero the zonal coordinator of the public image of RI EGD German Yepez and members of the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians, Fleet Comodoro Guayaquil Ecuador Jorge Herrera and Lindberg Barberan, were present at the arrival of these ships to gift his commanders, a district board, in recognition and appreciation for helping to enhance the public image of Rotary on during the race.





Ushuaia, Southernmost City of the World



By: Dr. Herberto Hugo Karplus
Fleet Member
Rio de la Plata Fleet

The 30 ´motorsailer Juan left Punta Arenas (today pop 250.000) Chile.

On board its owner and captain a savvy Chilean fisherman, the crew, one sailor, and as passengers what at that time was my whole nearest family: my parents, my brother Esteban who was not even married, and Isabel and I who had no children yet.

We started across the Magellan Strait and through the Agostini, Keats, Almirantazgo and Inutil bays, for a fortnight.

We spent unforgettable days, met islanders who had never been on the mainland, sailed through dolphins, playing with our waves.

The nights we anchored in tranquil waters. Sometimes I took the helm, and took care when the captain told me: "Take a little more to the starboard, here it is dangerous, it is the place the Fournier went down. The mentioned ship was the Argentine Minesweeper which was lost in 1949.

At one of the islands, we were guests of a family and when we left, they gave us half a dozen of eggs, in a handkerchief telling us: "We want you to remember us".

And we do !

You can arrive at Ushuaia in a three hours flight from Buenos Aires (some 15 jets a day), or be a passenger of one of the 100 luxury cruisers, which harbor in the summer months.

Today, 100.000 inhabitants call Ushuaia their home, together with another similar figure, some 200 km North, where Rio Grande "the industrial Capital of Tierra del Fuego".

This writer, started living at Tierra del Fuego in 1949, when there were 250 buildings in each of the two towns: Ushuaia could be proud to be a Coast Guard dwelling ever since 1884. Rio Grande, on the Atlantic coast, did not qualify for a sheep town, until the 19 twenties.

In two Generations, the population of Tierra del Fuego, has been growing on a 14 times larger rate, then the rest of Argentina, thanks to a Tax Free law, which makes it possible to assemble electronics for the four Mercosur countries.

Ushuaia has two Yacht Clubs, and Rio Grande a Sailing-Rowing one. All of them only Spanish speaking.





World E-Fleet On the Go



E Fleet Commodore Robert Walton at the HOF Booth with IC Serrgio and IVC Jun during the Sydney RI Convention. He led World E-Fleet members in attending the AGM and the Dinner Reception. At the Convention they also attended a wine and cooking lessons sharing the philosophy that a good galley makes happy sailors !

On the World E Fleet Facebook on June 24, FC Robert wrote "Today, I fly to Simferopol, tonight meet with The Crimea Fleet



of IYFR , Thursday we take boat to Anapa and meet with Rotarians and Friday we all go together to Krasnodar for D2220 Rotary District Conference. We will gain more potential members for the first Russian IYFR Fleet with the help of members of the Crimea Fleet. We travel to the District Conference in a true IYFR way, BY SEA ! " Robert is all over the place working hard to beef up his fleet at the same time having lots of fun..



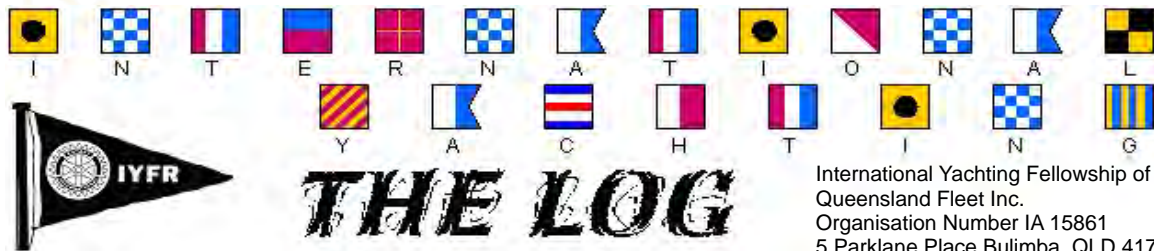
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Queensland May Meeting



Bob Greenelsh

IYFR Queensland Fleet Secretary



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April Meeting – Colmeslie Hotel/Motel 24 April, 2014

Commodore Russell Harrop welcomed 14 members and first mates. First mates present were Narelle Fox and Lee Denton. Also present was guest Eddie Richards. Apologies were received from Michael Bailey, David Cameron, John Ferguson, Jim Fern, Peter Heathwood, Graeme Rylance, Erwin Spork and Greg Windsor.

Visit of the New South Wales Fleet

Commodore Russell Harrop led a discussion on the visit of the New South Wales Fleet. It was generally agreed that the visit had been very successful and members combined to thank Commodore Russell Harrop for his excellent work in organising the programme. During the discussion the idea of a return visit was raised and it was agreed that this could be a good project for the second half of the year.

Fleet Membership

Commodore Russell Harrop opened a discussion on the gradual decline in the number of Fleet members and said that this was an issue which the Fleet needed to address. A wide ranging discussion then followed with most people present putting forward ideas and suggestions.

- Members who attend regularly do so because they enjoy the fellowship
- Perhaps there should be more on-water events and also a greater variety of events
- Having good speakers for the monthly meeting is very important
- The Fleet should promote itself to Rotary Clubs that are not represented in the Fleet's membership roster

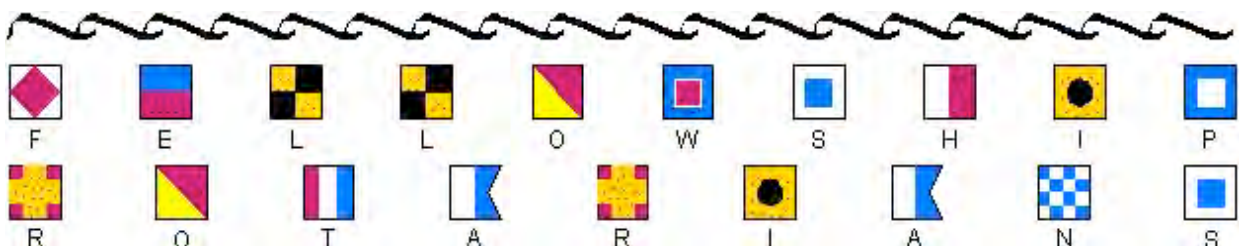
The Fleet membership is made up of 18 members, 9 honorary member and 3 life members for a total of 30.

Rotary Convention

The Queensland Fleet will be represented by VC Pat Galligan, Albert Benfer and Warren Burrows. We look forward to their report in due course.

Change of Command

Change of Command will be held on Saturday 28 June at the Colmslie Hotel/Motel.





San Remegio, Northern Cebu 8th Philippine Fleet



IYFR Philippines welcomes their new family the San Remegio, Northern Cebu Fleet spearheaded by their Fleet Commodore Antonio Ynoc, Allan Limas, Fleet Vice Commodore and Bernadita Lumapas, Fleet Secretary, Fleet Members - Allan Lucar, Cesar Capili, Chio James Delator, Daryll Abay abay, Dave Ismael, Eric Campaner, Joel, Valer, Jose Unabia, Kash Mahtani, Kit Daleon, Mark Anthony Ynoc, Reyje Velasco and Romeo Toledo.

Cebu, Philippines - The delivery of the remaining 40 fishing boats (from the original 45 because of price increase) totaling 55 from DG Ed Chiongbian built at the Sacred Heart parish in Cebu marked the Chartering of the new San Remigio Fleet in northern Cebu. The fishing boats were smoothly delivered to the various Fishermen from Maya, Daan Bantayan in a simple ceremony with the Stella Maris and Friends Sacred Heart Parish at San Remigio on April 27, 2014. VC Joel Guillermo, the Chairman for Disaster, Relief and Risk reduction of the IYFR Philippine Fleet with IVC Jun Avecilla and CA Max Tan led the turnover. Senior DA Bernie Lumapas represented DG Ed Chiongbian who could not attend because of their district DISTAS and newly installed FC Tony Ynoc hosted the proceedings at the San Remigio Beach Club. RC Udo Pelkowski and the Cebu Fleet RVC Sven-Olof Tengelin, FC Pros Schlackmuylders and FMs Marko Zupan and Sven-ingver (Mike) Kjellgren and members of the new fleet and other Rotary Clubs of Cebu Mandau and Port Center witnessed the historic event. The formal induction of the officers and members of the new fleet is being set at a later date.

On March 22, 2014 an initial 15 fishing boats were turned over to various fishermen in San Remigio 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.





Fishing Boats Final Turnover Photo Gallery

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IYFR SAGS Flying Fifteens in Regatta Debut

Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club Flying Fifteen Association (RHKYCFFA) stalwarts led by PFC Tom Sheppard of the Hong Kong Fleet completed the refurbishing of the 5 boats that they donated to the IYFR-SAGS Sailing School and saw action in the first ever Flying Fifteen Challenge at the Commodore's Cup Regatta. Also included for the first time is the Optimist and Mirror Dinghy races in line with the Philippine Fleet's thrust to support grass root sailing.

Official Race Results for:

FLYING 15 REGATTA

1st Place - Jherome Camansi / Joseph Dimapilis

2nd Place - Howard Williams/Lucy Sutro

3rd Place - Charlie / Ricky Domingo

MIRROR DINGHY

1st Place - Justin Barola / Jeanson Lumapas

2nd Place - Harry Kim Lumapas / Roel Batlagan

3rd Place - Fernan Sarmiento / Joshua Santos

OPTIMIST CLASS

1st Place - Brandon Kyrielle Aquino

2nd Place - John Danhiel Paraales

3rd Place - Jaano Dalanon

Members of the RHKYCFFA who came to help get all the Flying Fifteens up from scratch, brought with them armfuls of bits and pieces of spare parts, including a couple of spinnaker poles include its former President, **Howard Williams, Joe Nelson, Brian Henderson & Lucy Sutro**. They also composed three teams to spearhead the first ever International Flying Fifteen Challenge.



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First Flying Fifteen Challenge, Optimist and Mirror Dinghy Photo Gallery

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Commodore's Cup Regatta 2014 Photo Gallery

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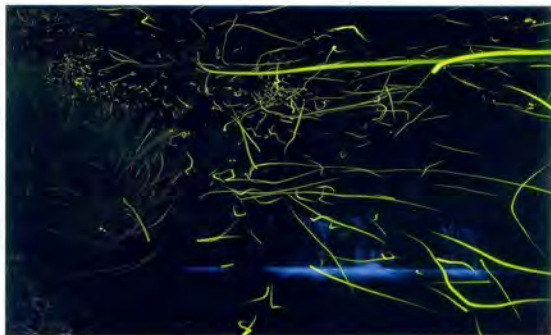




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特集 ロータリー親睦活動月間
世界に開かれたロータリーの親睦活動
いまを切り拓く
2014フォトコンテスト入選作品

一緒に潮風を楽しみましょう

IYFR神戸フリート 森村 安史

「IYFRって、いったい何?」。名前を聞いてそう思われる人が多いと思います。実は、私もその一人でした。IYFRはInternational Yachting Fellowship of Rotariansの頭文字をとったもので、「国際ロータリアンヨット同好会」を意味します。海上における人道支援や社会奉仕活動をモットーとして1947年にイギリスで創立されました。現在、世界32か国に90以上のフリート(fleet:「艦隊」「船隊」の意味。ロータリーの「クラブ」)があり、3,200人以上の会員が活動しています。

IYFRは、国際コモドア(commodore:ヨットクラブやボートクラブの会長。「司令官」「提督」の意味)のもと、世界を3つのエリア、さらに地域に分け、各地域でフリートが活動をしています。

日本には北から、「北海道フリート」「京都琵琶湖フリート」「大阪湾フリート」「神戸フリート」「西九州フ



年に2回行う親睦会では、家族ぐるみのおつきあいが広がります

リート」の5つのフリートがあります。そして、今年6月には6つ目のフリートとして「瀬戸内しまなみフリート」が設立され、イタリアからセルジオ・サンティIYFR国際コモドアの立ち会いのもと、新しく船出をします。

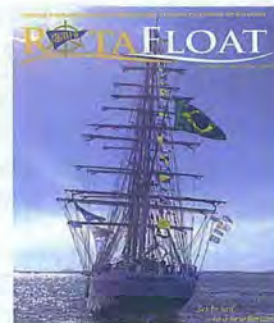
少しだけ自慢をさせていただくと、私の所属する神戸フリートは会員数60人を擁し、日本では最大のフリートです。にもかかわらず、入会して間もない私が2013-14年度のフリートコモドアを拝命してしまったのですから大変です。それでもなんとか沈没せず、年度末を迎えられたのは、ひとえに心強い仲間のおかげです。

神戸フリートでは、総会のほかに春と秋に親睦会を開催しています。例えば、昨年10月は「ルミナス神戸2」でクルージングを楽しみ、今年5月には、瀬戸内海の家島群島において定置網漁を体験しました。これらの行事はIYFRの会員だけでなく、友達や家族も一緒になって船の上での楽しい時間を過ごします。

ところで、昨年11月8日の台風30号(ハイラン)により、フィリピンでは5,500人を超える死者が出るという大きな被害を受けました。サンティ国際コモドアは、フィリピンのジュン・アベシラIYFR国際副コモドアを通して、ただちにIYFRから義援金を送るとともに、世界中のフリートにも支援を求めました。義援金の拠出については議論がなされましたが、神戸フリートも協力し、世界中のフリートから集まった義援金は、約260万フィリピンペソ(約600万円)を超えました。

アベシラ国際副コモドアからは、被災地の復興に役立てたいという礼状が届きました。またIYFRの現地の会員がいち早く被災地支援に乗り出した様子も、フィリピンの新聞に大きく取り上げられました。

こういった活動は、年に4回発行されているIYFRの機関誌『ROTAFLOAT』に掲載されています。基本は英語で書かれていますが、「IYFRには英語を母語としないメンバーも多くいる。英語を母語としないメンバーにも開かれたIYFRを」というサンティ国際コモドアの方針で、全ての記事は各フリートの言語で掲載されており、英語の訳がついています。2013年10-12月号には、神戸フリートの活動も日本語で掲載されました。なお、『ROTAFLOAT』はIYFRのウェブサイト(<http://www.iyfr.net/new>)から誰でも見ることができます。





IC Sergio Santi and IVC Jun Avecilla as Guest Speakers at Rotary Club of Mandurah Meeting

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JUNE

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Club meets Mondays

6.15pm for 6.45pm

at "Dolphin Room",

Mandurah Offshore Fishing and

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MEETING with IYFR

Sgt. Rick Oswald called the meeting to order in the usual manner.

DG Irwin Biemel proposed the Toast to Rotary International.

IYFR SWWA Fleet Commodore Kerran Campbell proposed the toast to IYFR International.



President Gary

Pres. Gary welcomed Rotarians, partners and guests. He especially welcomed DG Irwin and Carol Biemel, IYFR International Commodore Sergio and Laura Santi, IYFR Vice Commodore Jun and Lilia Avecilla and the IYFR representatives and partners who joined us for the meeting.

GUEST SPEAKERS



IYFR International Commodore Sergio Santi

Roger Lingard introduced our guest speakers, Commodore Sergio Santi and Vice-Commodore Jun Avecilla of IYFR International who are visiting WA on their way to the Sydney Convention. Sergio said this was his first visit to Australia and that he was looking forward to experiencing what we had to offer 'Down Under'. He joined IYFR in

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2007 and soon became very involved in administrative roles within the international Fellowship. There are now 3187 mariners in 105 fleets of which there are 27 in Australia. Their motto is 'Have fun, fun, fun' which is why it is the largest Rotary Fellowship. Sergio gave a very informative talk on IYFR activities in Europe and also mentioned that 3 new fleets will be commissioned this year. For more information go to www.iyfr.net.



IYFR International Vice-Commodore Jun Avecilla

Jun gave an account of the work that IYFR has contributed to the relief of those affected by the recent cyclone in the Philippines. They raised over \$50,000 to build fishing boats (55) for one of the fishing villages. Jun presented a replica of one of the boats to the SWWA Fleet.



During the evening there was an exchange of flags and Murray had thoughtfully supplied gifts to the visitors.

2014-15 SWWA Fleet Commodore Bert Denboer gave the vote of thanks.



Distinguished Queensland Fleet Commodore



FC Pat Galligan received his full stars as the new Fleet Commodore of the Queensland Fleet from IVC Jun Avecilla and was sworn into office by RC Grahamme Werrell at the PCC Farewell Dinner at the historic ship South Styne in Sydney Darling Harbor. He took over PFC Russel Harrop who has done an excellent job in keeping the 30 strong members of the fleet active and vibrant with constant reporting and contribution of the Fleet's regular activities to the Rotafloat through their newsletter, The Log.

Unbeknownst to many Pat has been an illustrious member of Rotary since 1971 and has served in many club and district positions including District Governor.



Aside from being awarded the *Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM)*, Pat was also this year given the *Distinguished Service Award* by the *(World) Trustees of The Rotary Foundation*. This is the Foundation's highest service recognition.

It was awarded for outstanding efforts to promote the humanitarian and other programs of The Rotary Foundation. (As stated on the Rotary International website) only 5 other Queenslanders have been given this award during the past 45 years).



Hong Kong Fleet Gears Up To November 7, 2014

Cruise Director Roger Lingard could not have found a better person to coordinate and work with on the 2014 AGM and AGM Dinner in Hong Kong on November 7 when the Cruise ship Mariner of the Seas with 48 IYFORIAN couples New Zealand, Australia, Philippines and Japan on board that has embarked on an 8 nights adventure cruise from Shanghai to Singapore with stops in Xiamen, Hong Kong, Ho Chi Ming and ultimately Singapore from November 4-12. FC Joann with her 24 active members assisted by PFC's Douglas Hsia, Cassidy Lam and Alice Liu have ini-

tially made arrangements for the AGM to be held at the Police Officer's Club and the AGM Dinner at the nearby Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club at Kellet Island, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong. Members of the Philippine Fleet who could not join the cruise are expected to fly to Hong Kong to join the affairs. Incidentally Douglas is arranging all our epaulette shoulder board ranks of the Fellowship to be made in Hong Kong from an old good friend PP Peter Lam who hopefully could join their fleet someday.



IVC Jun with FC Joann and PFC Douglas in a recent visit to Hong Kong



Two Stevenson School Old Boys Douglas and Peter



Shimanami Fleet Chartering



By: **Kozo Kajino**
Regional Commodore
Japan Fleet

「瀬戸内しまなみフリート」認証式

さる、6月14日（土）にIYFRセルジオ・サンティ国際コモドアを迎え、今治国際ホテルにて「瀬戸内しまなみフリート」の認証式が行われました。設立メンバーは33名で、参加者全員の正装には国際コモドアもこれほどの認証式はないと感動され、祝賀会では言葉の壁を越え大いに盛り上がりました。京都・琵琶湖フリートからは白井コモドアらが、神戸フリートからは森村コモドアが参加され、これからの交流を楽しみにIYFRが益々発展する事を誓いました。





Tasmania Fleet Chartering

IVC Jun Avecilla on behalf of IC Sergio Santi officiated the chartering of the Tasmania Fleet at the Motor Yacht Club of Tasmania on June 10, 2014. RC Bill Chapman after months of hard work putting the new fleet together formally inducted the 37 Officers and members headed by Fleet Commodore Geoff Rosan, Vice Commodore Dennis Turner, Rear Commodore John Behrens and Secretary/Treasurer Michael Walpole in a joyful

and festive ceremony. Those who attended the auspicious occasion are Lil, Jun's wife, Barbara, Bill's First Mate, PFC Peter McDonald and spouse Lyn of the Victoria Fleet, PRC Norm Neilson and wife Jean and FVC Darren Goodman, of the Gippsland Lakes Fleet. The Master of Ceremonies was Kim Creak, the Vice Commodore of the Motor Yacht Club and also a member of the Fleet.





Editor's Note

Robert is the Man! And the Woman behind the man is Marlene! These dynamic duo pulled off a great AGM and PCC that literally broke their backs (Robert's spinal operation had a reversion and Marlene underwent a similar operation a few weeks later. Thank God both are well and fine). Like a drill sergeant easily hated by his troop but ultimately loved as in the movie - An Officer and a Gentleman, Robert had his stringent plans and made sure his plans succeeded. Initial jitters and perhaps due to stress in the proceedings had some hiccups that were readily resolved. Having also realized that IYFR is about Fun Fun Fun and a balance between strict adherence to the rules and being flexible and accommodating at times are necessary ingredients to a harmonious fellowship, everyone's cooperation was easily achieved. Guillermo and Monica have been paying keen attention and we expect a rousing AGM and PCC in Sao Paulo which at this early stage Monica has already drawn plans in mind. On the overall what a memorable AGM and PCC we have had where we have met old and new friends. But at the same time our thoughts are with Brian and Chris who we sorely missed at the PCC because of Brian's condition but we hope and pray that everything will be well when they get back home for Brian's treatment. Kozo and Kayoko also had to miss the PCC accordingly because of a sudden business matter but I also suspect because that they had to ensure all the arrangements for the Chartering of the new Setouchi Shimanami Fleet, which was a fruit of Kozo's hard work, go as planned like Robert's in a true Japanese tradition. But all is well that ends well, we thank most sincerely Robert and Marlene.

Prior to Sydney, Lil and I had a memorable trip to Perth as soon as we arrived with Laura and Sergio, where we were greeted at the airport. Our sincere gratitude goes to Glenda and Roger from the time they met us at the airport and the first class accommodation at the No. 1 Nautica Lodge, the place to be, bearing with us for three days; for the nice cruise on Nautica Lodge, the boat, around the Murray River and driving us around places for a comprehensive tour. To the Western Australia and South Australian Fleet for a wonderful meeting and association with the Mandurah Rotary Club finally meeting the legendary PDG Reg Willis. Allan and Pam for the breakfast at their beautiful home and driving us to Pinjarra, Dwellingup, the mountain range and Port Boulevard for lunch there. Bert and Janet, Murray and Marlese for the sumptuous dinner at Ravenswood, Ivan and Carmel, Kerran and Carol and Tony for the delightful yachting trip on the Ivan's Big Easy from the Freemantle Fishing Boat Harbor to Perth in great sunny weather and the sumptuous steak at the exclusive Allan Bonds Admiral Cup's Room at the historic Royal Perth Yacht Club, both we understand as superbly arranged by Kerran, where we have formally adopted the IYFR Toast. Again to Murray for driving us to the airport in the wee hour in the morning. All these wonderful things you did for us we cannot forget and hope to reciprocate when you pay us a visit in our country someday.

We had a great opportunity to visit Hobart in Tasmania with the Charter of the New Tasmanian Fleet arranged by Bill and a great privilege to undertake the Officiating on behalf of Sergio who had to fly the other way to Osaka for the Chartering of the Setouchi Shimanami Fleet. Sailing in Geoff's Mistral in freezing temperature is not exactly our cup of tea, as back home we sail in temperate climate but the warm hospitality of Geoff, Bill and Barbara, Peter and Lyn made us weather the day.

On the side we went around the City of Hobart on a coach tram, toured Mt. Wellington and got a magnificent panoramic view over Hobart from the summit, saw Battery Point, St. David's Park, Cascade Brewery and other Hobart sights. We visited the Tasmania Maritime Museum, Salamanca Place, Constitution Dock (which is right across our beautiful hotel the Grand Chancellor, The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania where the annual Sydney to Hobart race finishes, MONA the Museum of Old and New Art and enjoyed a scenic ferry to Sullivan's Cove along the Derwent River. I also had the opportunity to buy a few things for my boat at the Peter Johnston Shipchandlers.

What we Sergio, Laura, Lil and I have profoundly missed is the Post Post Convention in the Gold Coast as our plan was derailed by the Charter of the Tasmania Fleet and the Setouchi Shimanami Fleet. Nonetheless Grahamme has re-extended the invite where after the A3 Shanghai-Singapore AGM Cruise in November on the 16th -19th, we are planning to be there at the Gold Coast. But before this, I understand that Area 1 will have their next AGM in Bulgaria probably in October but I have no confirmation of the exact dates yet. Area 2 has not had one last year or for some time but we hope to hear from Guillermo and Monica or possibly from Angie too about the Area plans.

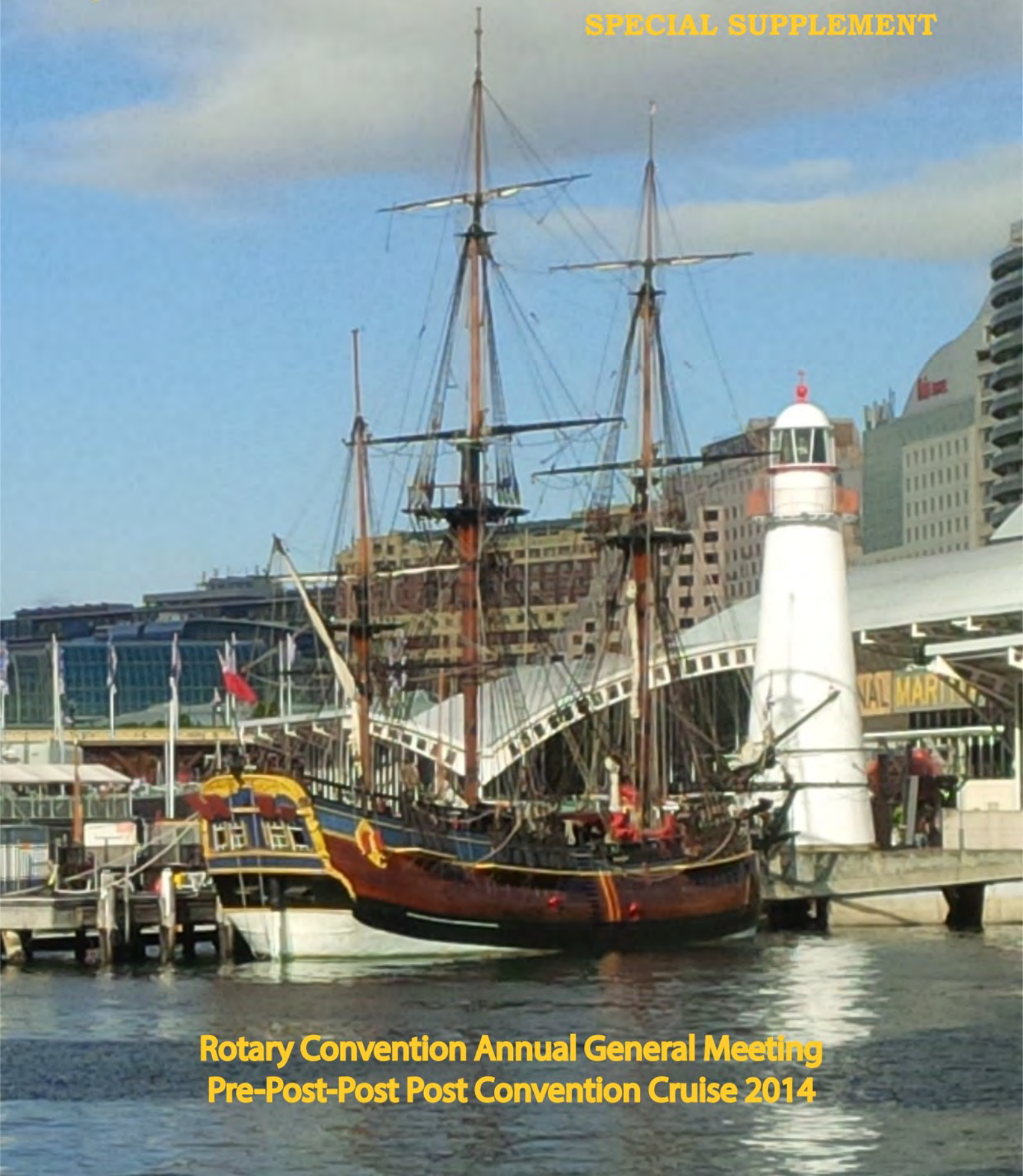
Until we meet again. SAIL ON!



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**Rotary Convention Annual General Meeting
Pre-Post-Post Post Convention Cruise 2014**



Final PCC Letter



"YOU were in the picture"
IYFR post convention cruise 2014 –
Sydney AUSTRALIA
Final Newsletter - 20 June 2014

Dear fellow shipmate,

I write this note to sincerely **Thank You** for **"Putting yourself in the Picture"** by attending our 2014 IYFR Sydney events.

It has been very heartening for me to receive so many warm and supportive comments from attendees who thoroughly enjoyed themselves and I hope you too feel the same way.

My aim was to show you a little of Sydney at its best and to provide everyone, local or otherwise, with at least one aspect or activity that was unique and a 'first' for you. Overall, despite some inclement weather, I think we achieved this goal and had a ball of fun and good fellowship doing it.

However, the 'Good News' doesn't end there !

At our farewell dinner (what a night!) I did indicate to you that there may be a further distribution of expected surplus funds in our trust account and you might ask me 'why did we have a surplus'?

Well, the answer in part is, that the initial costing was done some 15 months in advance and based on the quotes received from the various suppliers. I also included a 5% inflation allowance which wasn't really needed so, it was refunded on Day 1 of the PCC.

After careful analysis earlier this year of the different planned activities, the way beverages were charged by hotels and restaurants, the conduct of scheduled tours etc, I felt we could do better by managing many of these things in our own way. Also, by chartering the coach and the SHF vessels rather than using their scheduled tours, we could conduct our own itinerary, save quite a lot and probably get better value for it. The final cost adjustment for some of these activities was not known in advance so I had to allow for that.

Much detailed planning was put in place and the various suppliers came on board and worked co-operatively with me to get a good result. I was pleased with the support I received from everyone and especially from the management of the "SS South Steyne" on our final night. I also invested the trust monies to mature on planned payment dates.

The RACA also agreed to charge me 'member's rates' for accommodation if we guaranteed a full house. Even though we didn't achieve this due to some last minute

cancellations, the additional in-house bar sales which I substituted overcame that problem.

I am therefore delighted to advise that **I have today started processing refunds to you** of this surplus to the amount of **\$150 per attendee**, making the total refund of \$200 per person and the **net cost of the PCC of only \$1000** per person which, when you consider what was provided and the quality of our meals, beverages, tours, accommodation etc, this was great value-for-money in any language.

I have still allowed for a small amount to cover final accounts not yet fully to hand, the monthly bank fees together with merchant facility closure fees when the accounts are closed later this year. I expect there will still be a little money left to donate to the Rotary Foundation at that time, as agreed.

So, again, thank you for your support, your co-operation with my strict timings, your friendship and lastly, the smiles on your faces which I will treasure. If you have any special photo's to share, you might like to send it to me.

IVC Jun Avecilla was our 'official PCC photographer' so I expect to see some good photo's highlighting our activities in the "Rotafloat" magazine.

Our IRC, Guillermo Arteta, is arranging the 2015 IYFR events in San Paulo at which time, the IC's log will be handed over by Sergio to IVC Jun and I hope you will give consideration to being part of those activities.

Remember, do not rely on others to tell you about IYFR activities, the IYFR website is our means of communication and you do need to have a look at the website regularly to keep informed about our Fellowship.

So, as the sun sets below the horizon, I now wish you all smooth seas and fair winds,

Sincerely and in IYFR friendship,

Robert

Robert Eaglesham

Host Regional Commodore

Sydney 2014 IYFR events

Nb: My MRI report showed no additional damage to my spine and thanks to more steroids and rest, I have my mobility back again. Marlene's spinal operation last week was successful.



The 2014 Annual General Meeting Sydney, Australia

This year's Annual General Meeting was held in "Cello's" Grand Dining room at the New South Wales Masonic Club in Sydney, Australia and was attended by 82 registered members and guests from 11 countries.

This beautiful building, built circa 1932, is Heritage Listed and when inside, you can certainly see why. Cello's is one of the last remaining Grand Dining rooms of yesteryear left in Sydney.

IC Sergio decided that in view of the small number that attended AGM's in the past when conducted separately, this year's AGM would be combined with a Commodores & Mariners Gala Dinner.

The evening was arranged and compered by Host Regional Commodore Robert Eaglesham, who did his best to keep things moving and on schedule. Reports given at the meeting are available on our website.

In keeping with old traditions, "Old Lang Syne" was sung at the conclusion of the meeting, firstly by our Russian contingent, who sang it in English and Russian languages, then everyone joined in.

It was a great evening for both IYFR business and fellowship, the venue and food were superb and the wines unlimited.

IC Sergio thanked RC Robert for organising the event and presented him with his IC pennant.



IYFR Post Convention Cruise - Sydney 5-9th June 2014



The 2014 Post Convention Cruise was held in Sydney, Australia besides and upon Sydney harbour. Sydney is one of the most beautiful and vibrant cities of the world.

From the dramatic silhouette of the Sydney Opera House, the Arch of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the World Heritage Listed Blue Mountains outside of Sydney, we were in the right place for a good time.

Our Host Regional Commodore, Robert Eaglesham, arranged for attendee's to be accommodated in the beautiful Heritage Listed building of the Royal Automobile Club of Australia (RACA) at Sydney Cove, Circular Quay, a prestigious Private Club right alongside Sydney Harbour and the Opera House, looking onto the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

DAY 1.

We 'embarked' onto the PCC early afternoon and on the 'bunk' in our 'cabin' was a lovely gift package containing a specially designed Cap, a silk scarf for the ladies (both

monogrammed) our name badges and bottles of Australian wines

RC Robert had arranged a briefing Happy Hour (or two) in the Members Lounge ('main deck') of the RACA where we enjoyed drinks and met our fellow passengers. To our surprise, a \$50 per person envelope was distributed for spending on incidentals during our 'cruise'.

Later, we adorned our IYFR Service Dress White's for the Welcome Dinner held in the Imperial Services memorial room of the Club. This was a lovely relaxed evening with good fellowship and chatter whilst we consumed a sumptuous dinner and beverages.

DAY 2.

The morning was rather inclement today and light rain was falling however that didn't dampen our spirits nor did the Ferry Workers who had called a strike and cancelled our ferry around to Darling Harbour. Plan 'B' was instituted and we caught the bus around to the Australian National Maritime Museum.

On arrival, we split into two groups, each with a ANMM Guide to introduce us to the exhibits. One group visited the large gallery whilst the other viewed the ex RA Navy Destroyer, "Vampire" escorted by a former member who had served on the ship. These guides were great and certainly displayed their pride and enthusiasm for their subject, with timings having no meaning to them.

After viewing other ships, submarines and displays, including the HM Bark 'Endeavour' replica, we returned to the RACA in the afternoon to enjoy another "Happy Hour"



of refreshments whilst RC Robert briefed us on the evening Showboat Dinner Cruise and the next day's program.

The rain held off whilst we cruised on a ferry under the Harbour Bridge around to Darling Harbour. On arrival, RC Robert had arranged priority boarding onto the paddle-wheeler vessel PS "Sydney Showboat" escorted by some of the glamorous showgirls.

It was a great night, with good food and unlimited refreshment, whilst we cruised around Sydney Harbour and enjoyed the fabulous International Cabaret show. During the cruise, and also during our ferry voyages to/from Darling Harbour, we were able to see many of the beautiful VIVID laser lighting displays which adorned many buildings and icons around Sydney Cove and Darling Harbour.

DAY 3.



Today was our day to experience some of the rugged Australian country in the Heritage Listed 'Blue Mountains'. We boarded our luxury coach and headed off over the Sydney Harbour Bridge to the Featherdale Wildlife Park to experience, touch and have a photo taken with a Koala and see the many Australian Birds, Animals and Mammals in a natural bush setting which included Wallabies, Kangaroos, Emus and a Crocodile.

Re-joining the coach we headed up the 'Blue Mountains' to the quaint village of Leura where we stopped for a lunch break before driving around the Cliff Drive viewing magnificent panoramic scenery on our way to "Echo Point" to view the Megalong Valley and the "Three Sisters" rock formation.

Then it was off to "Scenic World" at Katoomba to experience going down to the valley floor on the steepest railway in the world, a short walk in the rain forest before riding to the top again aboard the cableway.

Some members had enough time to enjoy a ride on the Scenic Skyway Cableway which travels over the valley before re-joining the coach for our trip back to Sydney via Olympic Park and a 'free night'.

DAY 4.



Today we boarded vessels of the Sydney Heritage Fleet, the VIP 'Lady Hopetoun' and also, the Gentleman's Schooner "Boomerang" which took members around Sydney Harbour and in the case of "Boomerang", outside Sydney Heads. It was a cold and windy morning but our crews kept us warm with hot drinks and at noon, we enjoyed a Gourmet Sandwiches and Fruit Platters that RC Robert had had delivered on-board that morning.

In keeping with tradition, we adjourned to the lounge of the Sir Stamford Hotel next to the RACA for our "Happy Hour" in front of the lovely log fire.

That evening, we again ferried around to Darling Harbour to go aboard the Floating Function Centre, the "SS South Steyne", a former ocean going Manly Ferry built in 1938 and sailed out from Scotland. Our Farewell dinner was held in the "Manly room" of the ship, which gave us best view of an amazing display of Fireworks and Laser Lighting show whilst we enjoyed canapés and pre-dinner drinks.

Our sumptuous Farewell Dinner was a great finale to a wonderful 'cruise' of fun, fellowship and the meeting of



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new friends from 9 countries around the World. The night ended with our final cruise back to Sydney Cove whilst the experienced the final displays of the VIVID Lighting Festival.

DAY 5.

We said our good-byes over breakfast in the Harbour Dining Room of the RACA before visiting the 'Pursers Office', disembarking the 'RACA' for our transportation to the airport and our return journey home.

All-in-all, a fabulous time was had by all attendee's with sumptuous meals, unlimited drinks, great activities, transfers and prestige accommodation in a beautiful building

In 2000, when closing the Sydney Olympic Games, the IOC president declared that the Sydney games had been the best yet! Well, many would consider that this Sydney PCC was among the best ever, and with a refund of surplus monies waiting for us at home, at a net cost of a \$1000 fare, it was unbeatable value.



Sydney 2014 The IC Logbook



By: Sergio Santi
International Commodore



While on our flight to Osaka, the following is my personal first impression report on the just completed beautiful 2014 Convention and PCC: too bad that Bryan and Chris could not take part to the PCC but at the time you will be reading these notes, touching wood and keeping our fingers crossed, the problems that compelled them to fly back ahead of time, will have been properly taken care for and cured. So Anne's flu, for sure, and the same for the heroic Robert and the bad pains in his back.

Unfortunately those are the side B of our most beautiful and rewarding age. I myself, having to cope with a sometimes rough running main pump, had to most sadly cancel the farewell dinner in consideration of the very early wake up of today to fly to Osaka.

Guillermo told me this morning, while still in Cairns, that the farewell dinner under Jun's command was most nice and joyous as all the other events splendidly and carefully in every detail planned and controlled by a fantabulous "Major at Arms" – Region Commodore Robert, whom I want to express all our and personal gratitude.





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It has been a long trip, considered Laura and mine short lash, but the hospitality we found in Mandurah with Roger & Glenda who beautifully hosted Jun & Lil and the two of us, in their Lodge after having picked up in Perth early, most early, Monday morning the four of us and our full load of luggage. These compelled Glenda to an (uneventful) trip home in the back sixth seat completely surrounded and jammed by them. Time to catch some sleep and by noon we were already on board of their boat having a beautiful tour of the River and the canals of this west Coast Paradise. Thanks also to RC Kerran and Carol we had a new event the same night at the Mandurah Yacht Club with the Mandurah RC; the DG Governor was there and it was a good occasion to promote IYFR and to thank those Fleets for their commitment in helping the Philippine population badly stricken by the super Typhoon Yolanda.

We were also thanked because our arrival had been saluted by some days of badly needed light rain. Very rare in this part of the, otherwise perfect, down under world.

Sumptuous lunches, dinners, great excursions by their nice M/Ys and cars among Fellow Commodores and Mariners of those Fleets in the next (unfortunately few) days followed. They gave Jun, Lil, Laura and me the great opportunity to meet old Friends whom we had only virtually known.

And quite a lot of *aisa aisa aisa* were toasted at the meetings!



In the famous Royal Perth Yacht Club, the Allan Bond America's Cup Room, it was also decided that this old Neapolitan XVI Century toast of the Royal Borbon Navy, would have been the official IYFR for these two years. Immediately added on our web site by our CoS Luigi with some pictures of the event. Excellent real time update.

We had to fly after only 4 days to Sydney where our booth #126 had to be prepared. No problem for Jun and me to organize it and man it with the necessary help of many volunteers among which it has to be mentioned PICs Bryan and Terry, with Chris and Meryl, AC Bob and Anne,

Martin and Renee and of course IRC Guillermo and Monica who actually closed it.

Not too many people this year if compared to the last ones but nevertheless our booth has been duly visited by a number of old and new Friends; some of them have been immediately enrolled at the booth in real time duly informing their Fleet, Region and Area Commodores. So we now have a number of nucleus of new Squadrons that, hopefully, will turn into a Fleet in due time. It has been proven that this is the winning policy: to charter 12 new Fleets in one year it has been a great success for all the Fellowship. We also had the chance to give a good presentation of the Fellowship during the "breakout session" and give our support to the Fellowship Committee Chair in the plenary session for all the Rotary Fellowships.



We are one of the most admired Fellowships in the Rotary world; our organization and our Rules translated in any possible language have been particularly admired and appreciated.



You will find in another section of this newsletter issue the updated version of the final Report I had the great pleasure to read during our most friendly AGM on Tuesday night at the beautiful and crowded Masonic Club at the Castlereagh Masonic Club. *Aisa, aisa, aisa* and a certain number of *Barum Barum Barum* especially those with the possible new Russian Fleet Members were the happy conclusion of a fine gala dinner, informal and at the same time friendly AGM attended by 3 PICs Ken, Bryan and Terry, their wives and a great number of old Friends coming from every part of the world.



The PCC was perfectly in line with the Convention events and the AGM. Beautifully organized by RC Robert, having as home base the prestigious, friendly and most central accommodation of the RACA, overlooking the Sydney Harbour Circular Quay, it went on in the most smooth and friendly of the ways in spite of the many events, reaching the location of which, was sometimes not easy and depending on ferries or regular city busses.



After hundreds of pictures to this most beautiful landscape we could even experience the steepest railway in the world where we literally dived comfortably seated in glass covered carts.

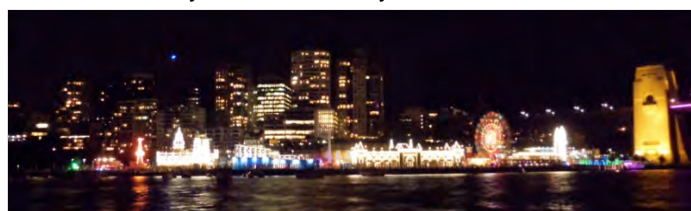
We also have toured the Bay in any possible floating way but the breath-taking day it has been the when we, on a windy Sunday, toured on board of MY Boomerang and the Steamship Lady Hopetoun. Not to speak about the great lunches and dinners on board of sailing or moored show-boats! What a great PCC!! Too bad that a poor planning of the outgoing flight schedule to Japan and some minor health problems of mine did not allow Laura and me to participate to the farewell dinner the echoes of which reached us in Kyoto the next days.



Robert here has to be praised again: in spite of a severe problem with his back, he succeeded to be a splendid guide and leader.

The highlights of the PCC being the interesting visit to the National Maritime Museum, the HMAS Vampire and the close-by replica of the HM Bark Endeavour, James Cook ship for his exploration voyages around the unknown Australia in the XVIII century. Something that not all of us know is that one of our Australian Fleets is named after one of the territories discovered and named by Cook: the NEW SOUTH WALES FLEET.

We also moved all together by bus to the Blue Mountain area and the cosy little garden town of Leura where we stopped after having had the possibility to get close and admire the Continent wildlife in the Featherdale Wildlife Park. Than we reached the Scenic World of the Blue Mountains and the 3 legendary Sister Rocks.



Again a well-deserved **BRAVO ZULU** to all of you who participated to this unforgettably splendid PCC, thanks for your company and thanks for your great fellowship!

Your happy (and lucky) Commodore





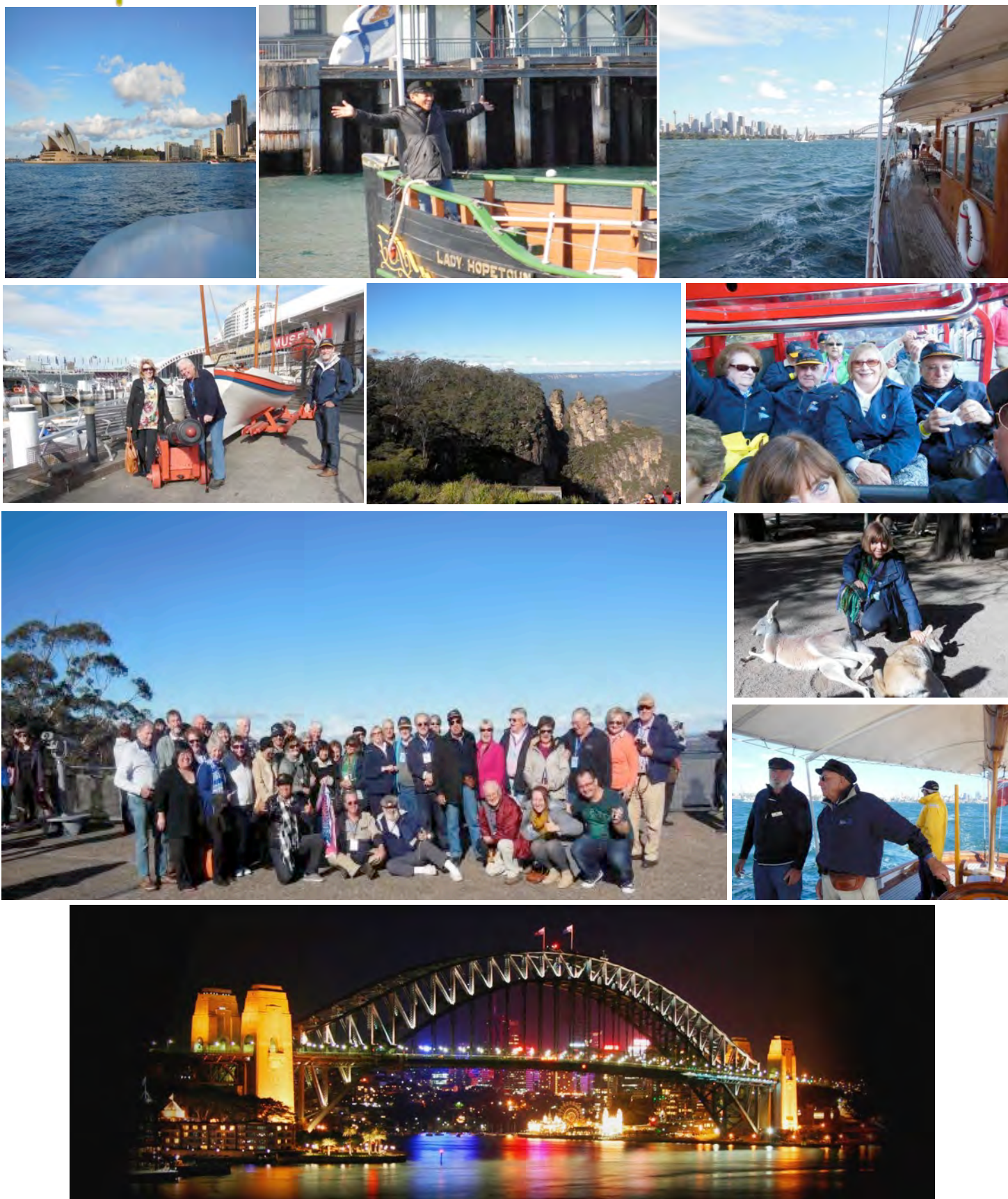
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Have a Few Pictures!





Sydney 2014 The IC Logbook Photo Gallery



Thanks again dear Robert for the excellent work done!





Masayumè My Dream Came True



By: **Sergio Santi**
International Commodore



Masayumè is the name of a most beautiful 23 meters Italian made wooden yacht that in 1974, during the most classic of the Mediterranean regattas, the “*Giraglia*” was about to sink having hit some rocks. The Minesweeper I was in command of as a young Lieutenant, risking ourselves to aground, rescued the Crew of 17 Members and the S/Y. The grateful Owner explained me that *Masayumè* in Japanese stands for “*my dream came true*”. And this is exactly what happened to Laura and me visiting Japan for our first time in occasion of the Charter of the 12th Fleet of this 2014 IYFR Year, the Setouchi Shimanami Fleet, beautifully located on the Seto Inland Sea.

Indefatigable RC Kozo will give you the full report of the impressive Charter Ceremony and the connected great dinner that a real multitude of Fellow Mariners fully enjoyed, in another and ad hoc article on this newsletter, so I will limit mine to a few considerations.

First of all I had to reconsider the assumption that the Italian hospitality is the best in the world: Japanese is far much better! The two of us have been met at the Osaka Airport on our arrival by a smiling team and treated like only the members of a Royal Family are used to be. For the next six days Kozo, the Bridges and the Fellow Mariners of the 4 Fleet visited, have literally cuddled the two of us, providing for the best accommodation possible and guiding us in sightseeing the most famous castles, fortresses, museums and shrines of Kyoto, Kobe, Imabari and Osaka. This was made in addition to have beautifully

planned a dense series of meetings with the Members of the Fleets and with the local Rotary Club.



The only problem being that of the language, a factor very well known to me since a non-English mother language and now understood by the whole Fellowship. But, in spite of this major obstacle, thanks to a brilliant planning, we have always had the possibility to communicate.



In Kobe, Commodore Morimura, being in Thailand on a Rotary assignment, detached Akiko, his Rotary Ambassador Secretary to take care of us while Kozo and Kayoko had to remain in Kyoto for an important congress. I do not know how many hours these wonderful Hosts of ours, spent on the Shinkansen bullet fast trains, going back and forth to Kyoto and accompanying us in the various locations of the events. What I can say is that both Laura and I are enormously grateful to them for all what they have done and look most forward to see them in Italy. Also if our fast trains are turtles if compared with their Shinkansen!

Being this my first time in Japan, I remained particularly impressed by their ability in living in relatively confined but absolutely functional and nature respectful spaces.

The following one is minimal gallery I want to share with all of you just to let you have an idea of the marvelous days and experiences we have done in Kyoto, Kobe, Imabari and Osaka.

Fortunately they will be able to say much more and better than a Mariner like me can do in writing and in a foreign language.

And after the charter we went back to Osaka our berthing being the 47th floor of the Osaka Marriot, a 300 metres high Hotel.



... it is like flying at 900 feet! And then... floating.

And having the usual IYFR Fun, Fun, Fun!

But also the dreams that come true, like all the others... end; it is necessary to go back home to the usual daily routine.

One last consideration. During my five years in the international Bridge, I had the luck and the privilege to charter several Fleets. Each one had her own way and her own approach both to the preparing phase and to the ceremony itself. The common factor is that all of them have represented a significant achievement to all the Fellowship echelon starting with the Fleet Bridge, the Region and the Area Commodores to end with the IC. And I want to heartily and deeply congratulate and express the gratitude of all IYFR to the RC Kozo Kajino and his charming wife Kayoko for the continuous, brilliant support that they are been offering to the Japanese Fleets since many years. This year the preparation and the Charter Ceremony of the Setouchi Shimanami Fleet impressed me most: never seen such a great organization, never seen such a perfect event as this. It took many years to Commodore Masatoshi Uda to build this beautiful Fleet, as he said, with the "tireless" support by RC Kozo Kajino but it has been totally worth.

I want to close quoting the words of Commodore Masatoshi, hoping that all the Commodores and Fellow Mariners we have encountered, made Friends and enjoyed their company with but have not been mentioned in these notes, will forgive me. Nani and I want to thank again all of them for their fellowship and their amiability.

"I hope that IYFR Members throughout the world will thoroughly enjoy the Seto Inland Sea, one of the most beautiful inland seas in the world, and understand its splendor, as we work to foster the young yachtsmen of the region. Moreover it is my sincere hope that, through such activities, you will be able to form many lasting friendships and have a wonderful time"





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Nautical Lodge



Mandurah RC IYFR



Perth Day 2



Cruising From Freemantle to Perth





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HOF Booth



Meet and Greet



Sydney Cove RC



AGM Dinner





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RACA Briefing



Sydney Maritime Museum



PCC Welcome Dinner



PCC Sight Seeing Trip





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Cruise Lady Hopetoun and Boomerang



Farewell Cocktails Sir Stamford



Farewell Dinner



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Lovey-Dovey at the Sydney Showboat

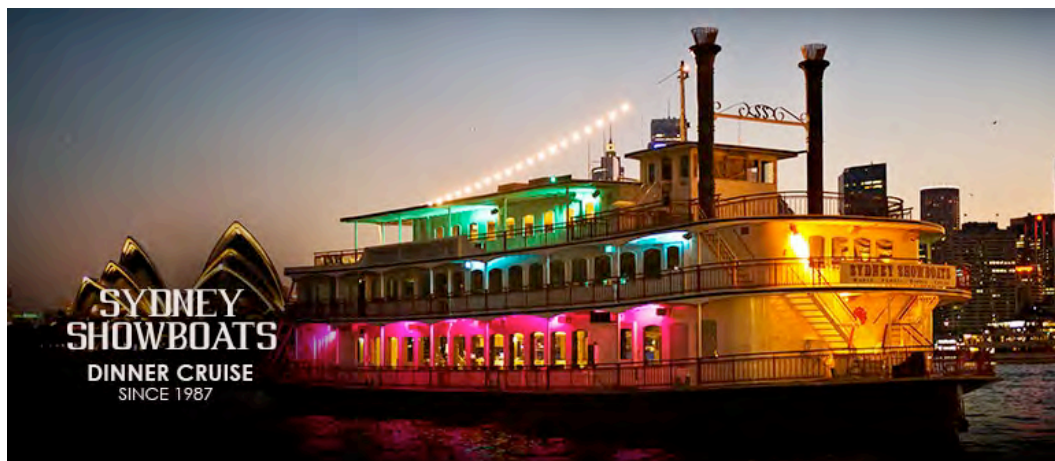
Priceless moment...so happy together..





Lovey-Dovey at the Sydney Showboat

Priceless moment...so happy together..





The Fun Fun Fun at PPCC at the Gold Coast Continue



By: Grabame Werrell
Regional Commodore
Gold Coast Fleet

The Gold Coast Fleet kindly offered to host any attendees of the Sydney PCC to a few extra days in "Paradise" on the Gold Coast from June 12-15.

Robert and Marlene Eaglesham (RC NSW/ACT, Host of the Sydney PCC) accepted our invitation. Also Roger and Glenda Lingard (Organizer/Coordinator for the November AGM Cruise) also joined us.

Unfortunately IVC Jun and Lil Avecilla had to cancel on this occasion as they had the rewarding task of chartering a new Fleet in Hobart, Tasmania.

We were also pleased to offer all fleets in Queensland to join us. Incoming Commodore of the Queensland Fleet Patrick Callaghan and his partner Lee attended most of our activities.



Pete Spurgin, Lee and Patrick Callaghan and Jill Spurgin

Whilst we all looked forward to a rest after the full-on activities of Sydney, this did not happen.



Robynne Holzappel, Marlene, Robert Eaglesham, Ruth Taylor, Cheryl and Bob Moxham.



Glenda and Roger Lingard

Briefly they included all three guests joining us on Thursday evening for our Fleet monthly dinner meeting. Great fellowship was enjoyed by all and they reported on Sydney and November AGM activities.

The next day we transported our guests to the hinterland area of Mount Tamborine, to enjoy the panoramic views of the coast and to enjoy a beautiful sea food lunch.

After returning to our homes; a quick change saw us attend the RM Williams horse spectacular (dedicated to Pharlap-the champion race horse) for pre-dinner drinks and a 3 course meal.



Grabame (RC Queensland and NT) and Liz Werrell



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Ruth Taylor, Glenda Lingard and Alan Taylor



The Whole Group at the Outback Spectacular

Saturday 4 boatloads of fleet members and our 3 guest couples spent a wonderful day exploring the beautiful Broadwater/Sea Way.



The happy crew returning from lunch at Courin Cove

A lunch on the South Stradbroke Island and Courin Cove was well attended by our fleet members and guests.



After this the pace slowed to a leisurely home dinner, a good night's sleep and finally a restful Sunday before our friends returned to their homes.

Grahame Werrell
Regional Commodore Queensland and NT

PS See Robert Eaglesham's letter of appreciation attached.

Dear Regional Commodore Grahame,

On behalf of Marlene and I, I would like to express our joy and delight at having attended the "PPCC" arranged by you, Commodore Allan and members of the Gold Coast Fleet.

We had a lovely time, our hosts Bob & Cheryl looked after us so well (assisted by their pal, Emma) and made us so welcome. The warmth of their welcome and that of all the Fleet members we met was second to none.

After all the hectic times in recent months organising and conducting the Sydney IYFR Events, we were looking forward to a 'little break' and to unwind somewhat and that is just what we did.

To share those few action packed days with such nice people was terrific and we thank you all so much.

With camaraderie and fellowship like that which exists in the GC Fleet, IYFR is alive and well in Queensland.

We do look forward to meeting up with some of you again at the A3 meeting in November.

Sincerely,

Robert

Robert Eaglesham
Regional Commodore
Australia - NSW & ACT
Special Ass't to the IC

WHAT DO THEY HAVE IN COMMON?



THE NAUTICA LODGE, MANDURAH

YOU WILL NEVER KNOW UNTIL YOU HAVE BEEN TO THESE PLACES...



THE LIGHTHOUSE MARINA RESORT, SUBIC BAY