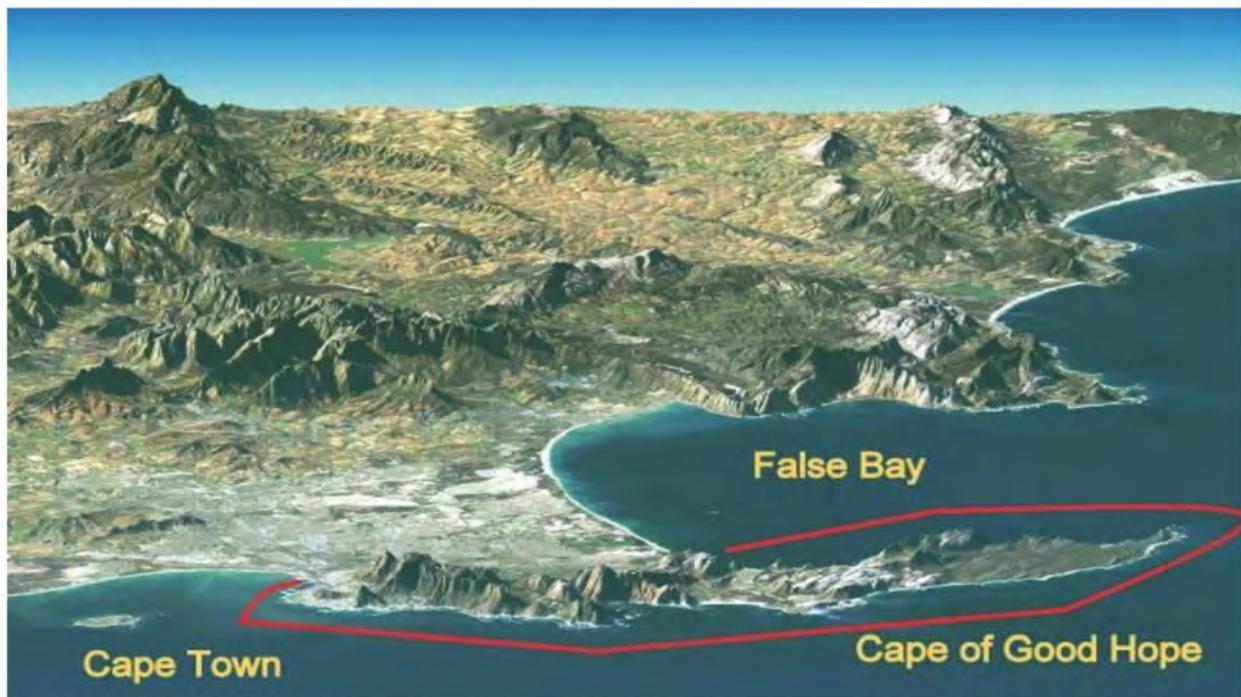




Cape of Good Hope

Rocky promontory jutting into the waters of the Atlantic Ocean located in the State of South Africa near the city of Cape Town



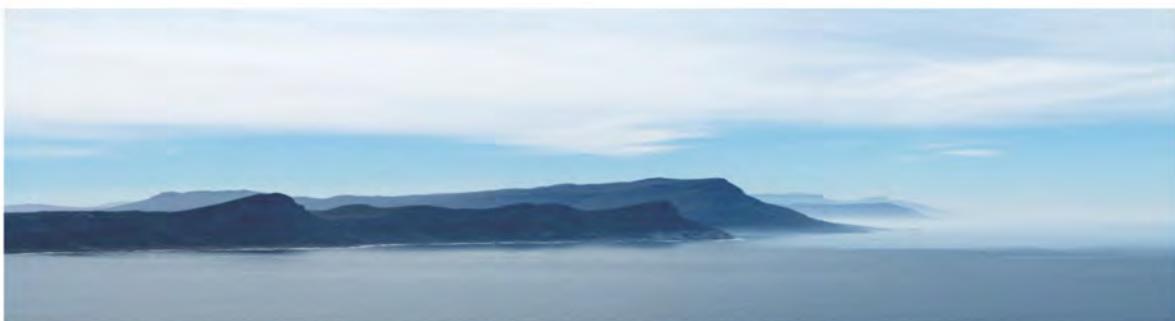
Traditionally but incorrectly the place is considered the southernmost point in the mainland, and the meeting place of the Atlantic Ocean with the Indian Ocean while the correct meeting point between the oceans is 150 kilometers east and slightly south at Cape Agulhas.



The first sailor who had surrounded the Cape of Good Hope was the Portuguese Bartolomeu Dias in 1488, who called the place "the palm of Storms" said in Portuguese Cabo das Tormentas.

King Joao II had changed the name to Cabo da Boa Esperanca translated from Portuguese to "Lewis in Good Hope "as the king had seen in that place a good sign for opening trade routes to the East from Europe.

Until the opening of the Suez Canal the shortest sea route from Europe to the Far East was around South Africa by surrounding the bare cliff Cape of Good Hope.



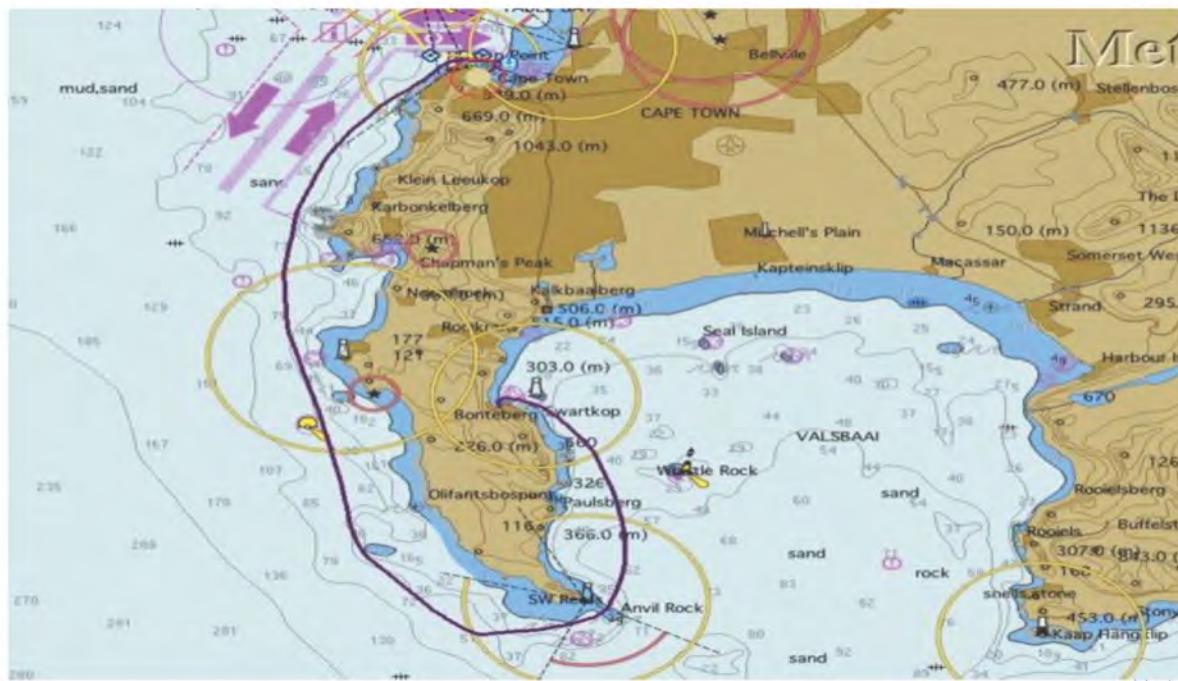


Navigating Cape of Good Hope



Rounding the Cape of Good Hope is significant adventure for many rounds - the world sailors being psychologically a serious endeavor.

Centuries of seafarers have regarded it as one of the most dangerous stretches of coastline in the world, and it was originally known as the Cape of Storms. Even in today's modern yachts, rounding the Cape of Good Hope is extremely challenging and should only be attempted by highly experienced sailors.





Climate

The Cape of Good Hope and the southern tip of Africa fall under a Mediterranean-type climate, typified by mild, rainy winters and warm, dry summers. Cape Point, at the headland's tip, usually sees summer daytime temperatures in the vicinity of 26.5 °C (Celsius) = 80 °F (Fahrenheit) while in winter daytime temperatures around 20 °C = 68 °F. Annual precipitation is typically low. The winter rains come associated with ocean storms, which have made the capes of southern Africa infamous among sailors and explorers. In fact, one of the Cape of Good Hope's original monikers was the Cape of Storms. The legend of the Flying Dutchman, a phantom ship forever roaming the rough seas, is partly associated with the Cape.



Cape of Good Hope

- Legends
- The Cape of Good Hope is the legendary home of *The Flying Dutchman*. Crewed by tormented and damned ghostly sailors, it is doomed forever to beat its way through the adjacent waters without ever succeeding in rounding the headland. *Adamastor* is a Greek-type mythological character invented by the Portuguese poet *Luis de Camões* in his epic poem *Os Lusíadas* (first printed in 1572), as a symbol of the forces of nature Portuguese navigators had to overcome during their discoveries and more specifically of the dangers Portuguese sailors faced when trying to round the Cape of Storms.



Zeev Matar
Rotafloat Editor / IC Special Assistant



**AREA 2
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
BUENOS AIRES ARGENTINA**

6-10 April 2016

**Entre los días 6 al 10 de Abril de 2016,
se realizará el primer AGM de AREA 2
en la ciudad de Buenos Aires, Argentina.**





PROGRAMA ENCUENTRO INTERNACIONAL DE FLOTAS IYFR SUD AMÉRICA

SOUTH AMERICA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 6 AL 10 DE ABRIL 2016

MIERCOLES 6 DE ABRIL

Alojamiento en hotel Gran Buenos Aires, ubicado en el centro de Buenos aires, frente a plaza San Martin y Cancillería.
19:00 hs. Meet & Greet. Cocktail de bienvenida en salón especial del hotel Gran Buenos Aires. Tendrá lugar el encuentro oficial de los integrantes de todas las flotas de Sud América.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

Hotel accommodation Gran Buenos Aires, located in downtown Buenos Aires, facing San Martin Square and Chancellery. 19.00hs. Meet & Greet. Especially welcome cocktail hotel Gran Buenos Aires. Will take place the official meeting of the members of all fleets in South America.



**JUEVES 7 DE ABRIL**

09:00 hs Desayuno.
09.30hs. Desde hotel Gran Buenos Aires visita guiada de la Ciudad a la ciudad de Buenos Aires en bus privado recorriendo lugares típicos con paradas para fotos. Duración 4 horas.
13:30 hs. Almuerzo de camaradería en restaurante parrilla típico Brasas Argentinas en Puerto Madero.
Luego del almuerzo, caminata hasta la Fragata Sarmiento y visita a la misma. Resto de la tarde libre.
20.30hs. Traslado en transporte privado al restaurant típico El Viejo Almacén.
21.00hs. Cena de Gala en salón exclusivo reservado a nuestra fellowship.

Thursday, April 7

09:00 hs Breakfast.
09.30 hs. From Gran Buenos Aires hotel, City tour to the city of Buenos Aires in a private bus traveling typical places with stops for photos. Duration 4 hours.
13:30. Camaraderie lunch in typical restaurant grill Brasas Argentinas in Puerto Madero. After lunch, walk to the Fragata Sarmiento and visit it. Rest of the afternoon free. 20.30hs. Transfer by private transportation to the typical restaurant El Viejo Almacen. 21.00hs. Gala dinner reserved for our fellowship exclusive lounge.

**VIERNES 8 DE ABRIL**

09:00 hs Desayuno.
09.30hs. Traslado independiente al emblemático Yacht Club Argentino, sede Dársena Norte. Tendremos una reunión especial de trabajo con exposiciones sobre las diferentes actividades de las flotas de Sud América, proyección de videos y tratamiento de los diversos temas inherentes al desarrollo de las flotas y de nuestra fellowship. Intercambio de banderines. Promediando la mañana coffee break. 13.00hs.
Almuerzo en el Yacht Club Argentino, a orillas del Río de la Plata. Finalizando el almuerzo gourmet, brindis con champagne.
Resto de la tarde, opcional visita a astillero.
Por la noche será opcional cena tango show en Sr. Tango con transporte in-out incluid

Friday, April 8

09:00 hs Breakfast.
09.30hs. Transfer to the iconic Yacht Club Argentino, Dársena Norte headquarters. We will



have a special meeting with presentations on the various activities of the fleets of South America, video projection and treatment of the various issues inherent in the development of fleets and our fellowship. Exchange pins. Averaging the morning coffee break.

13.00hs. Lunch at the Yacht Club Argentino on the banks of Rio de la Plata. Finalizing the gourmet lunch, champagne toast. Rest of the afternoon, optional visit to the shipyard. In the evening will be optional dinner tango show Mr. Tango with transportation in-out Included.



SÁBADO 9 DE ABRIL

09:00 hs Desayuno.

09.30hs. Desde hotel Gran Buenos Aires traslado en transporte privado al Puerto de Buenos Aires, para embarcar y navegar por el Río de la Plata rumbo al magnífico Delta, recorreremos el canal Vinculación, y varios otros ríos hasta arribar al río Paraná de las Palmas y canal Honda. Almuerzo en renombrado Restaurante Bajos del Paraná en una de las islas del Delta. Regreso a Buenos Aires navegando y traslado al hotel en transporte privado desde Puerto Madero. Alojamiento.

20.30hs. Cena especial de despedida en restaurant Las Nazarenas. Menú asador típico criollo all inclusive.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

09:00 hs Breakfast.

09.30 hs. From Gran Buenos Aires hotel, transfer by private transportation to the Port of Buenos Aires, to embark and navigate the Rio de la Plata toward the magnificent Delta, crossing the Vinculacion channel, and several other rivers to reach the Parana de las Palmas river and Honda channel . Lunch at restaurant renowned Bajos del Parana in one of the Delta islands. Sailing back to Buenos Aires and transfer to hotel in private transportation from Puerto Madero. 20.30hs. Special farewell dinner at restaurant Las Nazarenas. Typical menu criollo grill all inclusive.

DOMINGO 10 DE ABRIL

09:00 hs Desayuno.

Nos despediremos hasta el próximo año, en el siguiente Annual General Meeting de Sud América

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

09:00 hs Breakfast.

We will say goodbye until next year at the next Annual General Meeting of South America



CHILE PUERTO VARAS FLEET



IYFR SEA SCOUTS OF CHILE 10 days cruise to the mythical island of Kent



A long training trip from Puerto Montt to Kent Island, in Chile, (Lat 45, 06', 13' long ... 74°, 19', 80") by the Sea Scouts program brigade led by Chile Puerto Varas Fleet, during January 2016.

20 sea scouts on their second year of successful training program for young people eager to learn about this mysterious island, from which literature, the press and television associates, bring ahead strange phenomena with UFO sightings.

As usual, the Sea Scouts took command on board of "Terranova yacht". The scouts had to follow up with guarding duties every two hours in different functions, helmsmen, navigators, gazebos, log, instruments, and of course, cooking. After two



and a half days of navigation, the great lake of the stunning island was reached.

The sea scouts had gone over lots of activities, such as studies of flora and fauna, practiced, sailing, windsurfing, kayaking, water ski and Jet Ski. The end of the journey was celebrated at last night before departure with a bonfire of friendship, in one of the beaches on the island. The captain of this voyage, with more than 600 nautical miles, was the Fleet Commodore Walter Eaglehurst, and the Second Chief Mr. Carlo Montalbetti, parent representative on the cruise.

The training cruise was organized from January 22 to February 2, 2016.

Sea Scouts de IYFR Chile realizan crucero de 10 días a la Mítica Isla Kent

Un largo crucero de instrucción desde Puerto Montt a la Isla Kent en Chile, Lat 45º,06',13" Long...74º,19',80" realizó la brigada del programa Sea Scouts que lidera la Flota Chile Puerto Varas, durante el mes de enero del verano 2016.

Los 20 niños y jóvenes que cumplen su segundo año en este exitoso programa formativo de jóvenes, se encontraban ansiosos por conocer esta Misteriosa Isla, de la cual la literatura , la prensa y la TV la asocian con extraños fenómenos y apariciones de Ovnis.

Como es de costumbre los Sea Scouts tomaron el mando del Yate Terranova realizando guardias cada dos horas en distintas funciones, timoneles, navegantes, vigías, bitácora y por supuesto cocina. Despues de dos días y medio de navegación se ingresó, finalmente, a la gran laguna interior de la maravillosa Isla, sin ningún contratiempo. En ella se realizaron estudios de flora y Fauna, expediciones a las 4 playas del lugar, se practicó, velerismo, windsurf, Kayak , Sky, y moto acuática. Se contó con el apoyo de un robot submarino y un dron para captar videos y fotografías. Los Jóvenes celebraron el término de esta gran aventura, con una fogata nocturna de la amistad, en una de las playas de la Isla la noche antes del zarpe. Capitán en esta navegación de más de 600 millas náuticas, fue el comodoro de la flota Chile Walter Eaglehurst y Sub Jefe el Sr. Carlo Montalbetti, representante de los padres en el Crucero.





ECUADOR GUAYAQUIL FLEET



TRIBUTE

1.3.2016

Guayaquil Ecuador Fleet members had been invited to the reception ceremony of the School Ship Guayas of Ecuador on its return of 294 days of sailing around the world

The commander of the flagship had invited Guayaquil Ecuador Fleet to be present at the arrival of the tall ship to port.

During the ceremony the Bridge members of Guayaquil Ecuador Fleet gave to the commander of the School Ship Guayas of Ecuador the flag of Guayaquil Ecuador Fleet.



Left to right : Fleet Vice Commodore Cesar Sicco, Fleet Member Nelson Dossman
Fleet Commodore Rafael Quirterro, Ex Governor German Yepez



Left to right : Fleet Vice Commodore Cesar Sicco,
Fleet Member Nelson Dossman



Flota Guayaquil Ecuador

HOMENAJE 1.3.2016

Los integrantes de la Flota Guayaquil Ecuador asistieron especialmente invitados a la ceremonia de recibimiento del Buque Escuela Guayas de Ecuador.

Su comandante los distinguió con una invitación diferenciada y un sitio de honor.

En ese acto los integrantes del Puente de la Flota Guayaquil Ecuador entregaron al comandante una bandera de la Flota Guayaquil Ecuador.

El buque escuela dio la vuelta al mundo en 294 días de navegación.

En el acto el comandante destacó, ante el público presente, la labor que está desarrollando la Flota Guayaquil Ecuador.





Prefecture Tribute 9.2.2016

On the occasion of the 187th anniversary of the National Naval Prefecture Uruguay, an important act of commemoration at the port of Punta del Este it was performed. In each annual anniversary ceremony, delivers Prefectural special distinctions to those who have had meritorious services related to sailing.

On this occasion, the Punta del Este Fleet was honored with special recognition for their task of nautical therapy. District Governor 4980, the municipal authorities and Rotarians fleet, accompanied the reception of this important mention that honors Fleet Punta del Este.



Homenaje Prefectura 9.2.2016

En ocasión del 187º aniversario de la Prefectura Nacional Naval de Uruguay, se realizó un importante acto de conmemoración en el puerto de Punta del Este. En cada acto de aniversario anual, la Prefectura entrega distinciones especiales a quienes han tenido servicios meritorios relacionados con la náutica.

En esta ocasión, la Flota Punta del Este fue distinguida con un reconocimiento especial por su tarea de náutico terapia. El gobernador de Distrito 4980, las autoridades del municipio y los rotarios de la flota, acompañaron el recibimiento de esta importante mención que honra a Flota Punta del Este.



URUGUAY PUNTA DEL ESTE FLEET



Summer activities



For the fourth consecutive summer, members of the Punta del Este Fleet spend their vacation time to give a very important service to the community, especially to children and adults of different abilities along all summer.

The mariners of Uruguay, with the collaboration of National Naval Prefecture did nautical therapy on the beach in Punta del Este. Through the nautical training the fleet members had helped children and adults to strengthening their muscles, to help to socialize, to enjoy a day of beach and sun enjoying the training with lot of humor and fun.





Actividades de Verano

Por cuarto verano consecutivo, los miembros de la Flota Punta del Este dedican el tiempo de sus vacaciones a dar un servicio muy importante a la comunidad. En especial a los niños y adultos de capacidades diferentes.

Los mariners de Uruguay, con la colaboración de Prefectura Nacional Naval hacen náutico terapia en la playa de Punta del este. Con esto ayudan estos niños y adultos a entrenarlos en el fortalecimiento de sus músculos, los ayudan a socializar, a disfrutar de una jornada de playa y sol, a disfrutar del mar.





NEW ZEALAND

AGM AREA 3 – 3-8 Februay 2016

AUCKLAND





Having in mind murderous thoughts about SA Cesare who had not succeeded to put the Jun, Lil, Laura and me on the same plane from Sydney to Auckland, we split in Sydney; Nani and I boarding a small Airbus 300 while Jun and Lil where scheduled on a monstrous A380 we taxied by prior to our take off.



This was actually the first time Laura and I were flying east of the Sydney Meridian and Auckland; the most distant place from home ever flown to. When I was in the Navy as a combat ready Pilot I used to fly an average of 50 hours per month. That was considered a good activity level to maintain our readiness and proficiency. During this last “round robin”, in 22 days, we flew 51h 20 min in 3 rounds, and spent some 29 hours in check-in ops or between an aircraft and another. Adding more than 10 hours on 4 trains/shuttles



we took, it gives the idea of the satisfactory state of the main pump of mine that had been rough running starting 4 years ago. Not bad. Never the less it was quite overdoing and straining but... whew, how worth-while! If I could and had a chance, I would start it again, not tomorrow, but ... yesterday!



As in Manila, the loving atmosphere, the care, the hospitality and the fun encountered and provided at any time, (= FELLOWSHIP), fully paid off for an otherwise tiring journey. Moreover it was the unique occasion in which the IC and 4 PICs got together with the Commodores and Mariners who gave birth to this great AGM. Thanking all of them singularly would be too long, so, please dear Friends, assume that Laura and I did it from the very bottom of our hearts.



This said we cannot help but at least mention and thank Liz and RC David for organizing the Event in spite of the incoming/contemporary marriage of their Daughter. Bente and Ken, Meryl and Terry, Vivienne and Peter for having beautifully hosted us and cared of us as if we were members of the Royal Family.



A special mention and congratulation to Ken, not only by a Rotary Mariner but also by a past yacht builder: the Pacific Mermaid is one of the best and finest Yachts of her class I have ever had the pleasure to get on board. Thanks again dear Ken for having hosted all of us on board and showed us the beautifully windy Auckland bay. This also gave me the answer on why the Kiwis are such good sailors and skippers: never seen in a few hours so many Optimists in regatta in marginal (for kids) weather!

Talking about Official Business, how not to congratulate AC Kerran for the flawless AGM and AGM Gala Dinner he, RC&PR Roger and our New Zealand fellow Commodores and Mariners organized? Thanks dear Kerran and congratulations to you all: at the moment you have the healthiest and most active Area in the whole IYFR! Great Fellowship and FUN,





also during the AGM office. Compliments again to all of you and a very special compliment & thanks to Davis for having accepted to be nominated IRC.



David Hansen IC Special Assistant & wife (New Zealand)

I have personally to further congratulate you all, Organizers of this Area 3 AGM for having beautifully planned and arranged for Nani and me the following unforgettable happenings:

- The heaviest high altitude turbulence I ever encountered on a civil airliner. This was perfectly organized just to wake us up midway between Sydney and Auckland.
- A changing but manageable weather for all our stay in NZ so that we could test how it is in every condition. Showers, wind and hot sun included.
- The biggest mussels I have ever seen.
- The biggest Blue Marlin trophies ever seen. Imagine to catch with your hook and line a 1 ton plus specimen!
- A bungee jumping session exactly while sailing under the bridge on board of the

Ferry to the BBQ site. Perfect screams timing noticed.

- A most nice BBQ by the sea where I lost the bet I made while hanging my white cap in the back of my seat. I let it there, got aboard the Ferry and realized it after the Ferry had casted off.



Luckily PIC Terry found and retrieved it safely.



- The timely casting off of the huge Cruise Ship Explorer of the Seas during Ken & Bente's Meet and Greet.



- A lovely Birthday underway Party for Laura on board Pacific Mermaid,



- multiple hugs & kisses included (thanks Glenda, Peter and Luc)
- A two hours sortie on a 1905 Gaff Cutter in a gusty wind exceeding the given wind limitations: what a thrill!



- A great party ashore in a beautiful Bay of Islands little bay, sailing to which on board of FC Roger and Jill's "Hey Jude", we also experienced (almost uneventfully) a very, very low pass on the so called but not signaled, famous Roger's Reef. Was it a failed tentative of getting rid at one time of a couple of PICs and of the present IC? Nobody will ever know. The Captain and the Crew acted beautifully, no major damages



reported. Luckily the damages to Hey Jude are reported as "very little".

- FC Peter and Vivienne also drove us back and forth to Bay of Islands. Before leaving, the last day they led us to Waitangi Treaty Grounds to visit the very place where the 1840 Treaty between Maori Chiefs and the British Crown, was signed. Peter had also explained that I would have a sort of role during the morning.



I understood (as usual in NZ) almost 60% of what he had told me so I agreed on that not having fully understood which this particular role of mine was. The Maori guide finally explained me that I was expected to behave bravely and not be scared by the apparently hostile screaming Team performing the welcome ceremony to the group of tourists visiting their spaces.



I had to act as the tourist group chief, kneel in front of them, pick up and show them, who had fiercely thrown to the ground in front of

me an intricate palm leaves art job, this meaning that we had come in peace.

It was a real honor for me and I hope to have behaved. They were not too much scaring but I can imagine how it might have been the real thing with actual spears and stone axes coming most close to one's face in in close curved trajectories. Not considered the impressive bulk of the Maori. Sumo athlete's tonnage.



Unfortunately also this long adventure of ours was about to finish; I had planned for many relatively short flights to have a stroll between one and the other. It was not the best of the ideas: we took off on February 11 at 0840 from Auckland (early reveille at 0400 to catch the 0500 hotel shuttle) and arrived home in Rapallo at 1900 the next day (Feb 13 0700, Auckland time).

Too bad to be too old to plan migrating to this far but wonderful Country!



IPIC Sergio



PS Going through the Amerigo Vespucci files I discovered that in 2003, when in Auckland....

Guess where she was moored!!!





JAPAN FLEETS

Japan Region Commodore Kozo KAJINO



IYFR fleet report from Japan

Report from Kozo Kajino (Regional commodore for Japan)

The Japan region have in present six fleets located north to south as by the following:

Hokkaido fleet in Otaru city northernmost fleet Kyoto Lake-Biwa fleet, Osaka bay fleet, Kobe fleet is in the middle of Japan. Setouchi-shimanami fleet is in Seto inland sea, West Kyushu fleet in Sasebo city southernmost fleet. Total IYFR member Mariners and officers is 172 in 6 fleets, number which is almost unchangeable for this one year.

「日本からのフリート報告」現在日本には6フリートあります。最北は小樽の北海道フリート、そして京都・琵琶湖フリート、神戸フリート、大阪湾フリートと、瀬戸内海にある瀬戸内しまなみフリート、最後に最南にある佐世保市の西九州フリートです。全会員数は172名（年初集計）で殆どその数は不変です。



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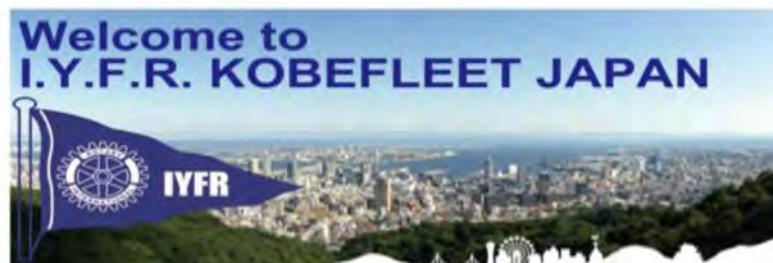


I.Y.F.R. KOBE FLEET JAPAN

<Kobe Fleet> 神戸フリート報告

Kobe fleet is the biggest fleet in Japan. Activity is very high, and many members have experience of officers. Recently this fleet made home page.

神戸フリートは日本最大のフリートで、IYFR活動はさかんで、多くの会員がオフィサーの経験があります。最近ホームページを立ち上げられました。



<http://www.iyfr-kobefleet-japan.jp>



AGM(26Jun2015) New commodore : Mr.Akihisa Miya
New secretary : Mr.Michinobu Kouyama



Wine party [31Oct2015] and Friendship sailing and BBQ [1Nov2015]
And IYFR booth in DC2680 meeting (12-13Mar2016)



<Kyoto Lake-Biwa Fleet> 京都・琵琶湖フリート報告

Kyoto Lake-Biwa fleet has a fleet AGM every year in July. This fleet did friendship sailing with many Rotaractors in lake Biwa. And they enjoy IYFR salon (drinking and talking) on odd month.

京都・琵琶湖フリートは毎年7月に年次総会をします。また、ローターアクトと一緒に友好セーリングをしたり、奇数月にIYFRサロンと称して懇親会を行っています。

AGM(4July2015) and joint meeting with Setouchi-Shimanami fleet



Friendship sailing and BBQ [8Aug , 14Nov 2015]





〈Setouchi-Shimanami fleet〉 濱戸内しまなみフリート報告

This fleet is the newest fleet in Japan , established two years ago. Fleet activity is very high.

They hold new year party, AGM and friendship sailing. This fleet set up a booth in the district rotary meeting to increase members. Recently Iyforians in Uruguay want the information of the sailing in Seto inland Sea. This fleet contacts him and sent the information.

New year meeting and party (31Jan2015)



AGM [20Jun2015] New commodore : Mr.Kouichi Yamada



IYFR booth in DC2710 [24Oct 2015] Friendship sailing [15Nov 2015]



このフリートは2年前に設立された一番新しいフリートです。新年会、年次総会、友好セーリングなどを行っています。また、会員増強の為に地区大会にブースを出しました。最近、ウルグアイのIYFR会員より瀬戸内海のセーリング情報を知りたいとのメールがあり、メールを交換し情報を提供されています。

This time I reported three high active fleets in Japan and I will report three other fleets on the next time. 今回は活動盛んな3フリートを紹介しましたが、次回は他の3フリートの紹介をいたします。



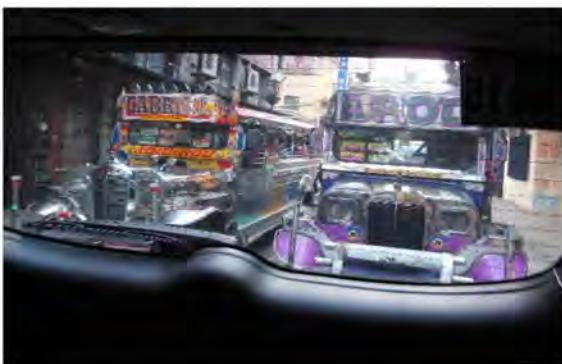
IYFR PHILIPPINES REGION

VOYAGE TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD

Visiting IC Jun, the Philippine Region and attending 2016 AGM Area3, has been Nani's and mine first time East of Sydney meridian the most eastward place ever visited by the two of us.

What an experience! This was as PIC Bryan first noticed, the first time in which five ICs: Ken, Bryan, Terry, Jun and me accompanied by all of our gracious FMs, for the occasion redefined as "Commodorable" Bente, Chris, Meryl, Lil and Laura all got together in some part of the world. What an event, what a memorable time!

We flew first to Manila, welcomed some 24 hours after leaving home by Jun who, with Lil, would have been our wonderful hosts for the following week. Also the chaotic Manila traffic welcomed us and accompanied us for all our stay and until the very last moment of the departure to Sydney-Auckland, where we risked to arrive late due to a traffic jamming.



I thought to have witnessed mad traffic in Naples or Bangkok but Manila detains for sure the World Cup.



PIC SERGIO SANTI



The Avecilla's scenic apartment in Makati (one of the huge cities composing Manila) and the annexed Power Plant Mall were our home base for the next days. Unforgettable breakfasts Lil & Jun style, with the best mango ever and delicatessens we dare thinking about only for special spicy dinners accompanied us for all your stay: it was like being home ... just a bit far from our usual berthing. I had even the pleasure to relax lending a hand to Jun in (partially) fixing a couple of chairs!





obstacles. A fully well-deserved **BRAVO ZULU**, dear Oyie. Now please, catch a breath and do consolidate the beautiful foundations so generously laid.

But we not only had official matters in Manila but also a very good time: we travelled to Subic where we were hosted in the beautiful resort of the Avecilla's, the Lighthouse, manned at unison by their Sons Zedric and Marcus and their Families: the location is enchanting, the food is absolutely great and the accommodations ... 5 stars!



What more could we ask? Surprises were not ended though: since a paraw sailing boat (a sort of razor sharp hull with bamboo outriggers) sortie was not possible because of a too strong breeze, Jun arranged for an unforgettable evening on his beloved 36.7 Beneteau SELMA STAR with Lil and Nani and the young racing Crew of his.



Nice boat, nice Crew, beautiful breeze and a scenographic sunset on the Subic Bay, was the great appetizer to a delicious Family dinner at the Lighthouse Hotel Restaurant. On the way to Manila where we had to go back the next day because of the RC Cubao Meeting, we were given a chance to visit a hidden paradise beach with crystal water and golden sand then... one hour plus in the Manila traffic to cover less than kilometers from the outskirts to Makati. The last day Jun had to go back to Subic so we had a lucky chance to visit the Tahal Crater Lake some two hours of drive south of Manila, and visit the Philippine Rotary Public Relation Jose C. Sison (Philippines) IC Special Advisor.

Jun and Lil led us around in the most significant historical places of the city, Chinese quarter included. This glittering in red for the New Year festivities; in fact all of the City was showing some red sort of decoration and lighting for the New Monkey Year festive expectation. Lil and Laura took also part to the huge party (Laura clad in a beautiful Chinese Red jacket lent by Lil), Jun and I arrived only at the end because of a contemporary Club FUN Meeting where I learnt a totally new puzzling version of the famous "Happy Birthday" celebrating song.



But the highlight of our stay in Manila was the totally unexpected participation to a most special Fellowship Event in which ELEVEN FLEETS were beautifully chartered in the same night. I must say that I keep being astonished on how a volcanic Region Commodore Gloriosa, Oyie Valerao could attain to such results. No wonder

why she is no more named "Volcano Oyie" but "Ring of Volcanoes Oyie"!!! She has discovered a new and unconventional way or approach to IYFR. Her dedication, leadership, the personal acquaintance and beautiful relationship with most of the Philippine DGs and DGAs made the difference. Her enthusiasm is contagious and uncontrollable and seems to ignore



who is one of the most famous Phil TV actor and showmen.

Also here as per Subic Bay, one picture is worth a thousand words.

Monday morning was dedicated to pack again because our flight to Auckland via Sydney was leaving that night. But this is another history! Stay tuned, please.





Our third Newsletter is approaching wishing to thank all those Iforians who had been enthusiastic to read our second Issue of December 2015. Thanks to so many of our lyforians who had collaborated with us sending interesting articles and covering our Rotafloat Newsletter with beautiful pictures, which brought us to create a magazine of 82 pages of data information and Fleets events around the world.

For the first time Rotafloat Newsletter December Issue publication had to be uploaded in our Web site by our dedicated Web Master Luigi Norsa in two parts as our Web site could not contain the entire Issue as single pdf.

Grateful to all Fellowship members let me call for Area Commodores as well of Region commodores and Fleet commodores to send us articles and pictures for publication in our Rotafloat Newsletter which is infect the main source of information to cover Area1, Area2 & Area 3.

Approaching soon the Holly festivities shared by so many of our Fellowship friends is the right occasion to greet and bless all of you as well as your dear families.



To our Christians Fellowship friends and believers if Catholics, Anglicans, Protestants, Evangelists, Greek Orthodox and Russian Orthodox celebrating on the 27 of March 2016 the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead on the third day of his burial after his crucifixion by Romans.

HAPPY EASTER - BUONA PASQUA - FELIZ PASCUA



Let me wish our Fellowship friends of Muslim faith a happy revocation for the holly day of 4 May 2016 the day of Prophet's Ascension which marks the arrival of the Prophet Muhammad to heaven.

LAYLAT ALASRA & ALMARAG KAREEM



Let me add best wishes to my Jewish friends celebrating the Jewish Pesach between 22 April – 29 April 2016 which commemorates the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. By following the rituals of Passover, we have the ability to relive and experience the true freedom that our ancestors gained.

HAPPY PASSOVER - PESACH KASHER V'SAMEACH

פסח כשר ושמח



Let me end the editorial note by sending on behalf of all our Fellowship members' with best wishes to Lil the loving spouse of Jun our International commodore for her birthday celebrated 13 March for health happiness and joy with affectionate thanks assisting with love and care our IC.



MABUHAY CHEERFUL FESTIVITIES

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The Fish of the Sea

Come all you young sailormen, listen to me
I'll sing you a song of the fish in the sea,
and it's...

*Windy weather boys, stormy weather, boys
When the wind blows we're all together, boys
Blow ye winds westerly, blow ye winds, blow
Jolly sou'wester, boys, steady she goes.*

Up jumps the eel with his slippery tail,
Climbs up aloft and reefs the topsail,
and it's...

*Windy weather boys, stormy weather, boys
When the wind blows we're all together, boys
Blow ye winds westerly, blow ye winds, blow
Jolly sou'wester, boys, steady she goes.*

Then up jumps the shark with his nine rows of teeth
Saying, 'You eat the dough boys, and I'll eat the beef!'
and it's...

*Windy weather boys, stormy weather, boys
When the wind blows we're all together, boys
Blow ye winds westerly, blow ye winds, blow
Jolly sou'wester, boys, steady she goes.*

Up jumps the lobster with his heavy claws,
Bites the main boom right off by the jaws!
and it's...

*Windy weather boys, stormy weather, boys
When the wind blows we're all together, boys
Blow ye winds westerly, blow ye winds, blow
Jolly sou'wester, boys, steady she goes.*

Up jumps the halibut, lies flat on the deck
He says, 'Mister Captain, don't step on my neck!'
and it's...

*Windy weather boys, stormy weather, boys
When the wind blows we're all together, boys
Blow ye winds westerly, blow ye winds, blow
Jolly sou'wester, boys, steady she goes.*





Up jumps the herring, the king of the sea,
Saying, 'All other fishes, now you follow me!'
and it's...

*Windy weather boys, stormy weather, boys
When the wind blows we're all together, boys
Blow ye winds westerly, blow ye winds, blow
Jolly sou'wester, boys, steady she goes.*

Up jumps the codfish with his chuckle-head,
He runs out up forward and throws out the lead!
and it's...

*Windy weather boys, stormy weather, boys
When the wind blows we're all together, boys
Blow ye winds westerly, blow ye winds, blow
Jolly sou'wester, boys, steady she goes.*

Up jumps the whale... the largest of all,
'If you want any wind, well, I'll blow ye a squall!'
and it's...

*Windy weather boys, stormy weather, boys
When the wind blows we're all together, boys
Blow ye winds westerly, blow ye winds, blow
Jolly sou'wester, boys, steady she goes.*

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This shanty was probably originated
as a Scottish fisherman's song.
It was also popular with Gloucester fishermen
in the American Northeast.

This was a capstan shanty,
and sailors would take turns with verses,
giving a new fish each time
for as long as was necessary.





GLENLEE STORY OF A TALL SHIP

This is a story of a Tall ship of 120 years built in 1896 at the Anderson Rodger & Company shipyard of Port Glasgow for the Glen-line of the shipping company Archibald Sterling & Co. Ltd.

This is story of a Tall ship which had become part of the story of Glasgow and the River Clyde becoming part of life at Claydebuilt, the Scottish Maritime Museum at Braehead.

The Glenlee was one of a group of 10 steel sailing vessels out of which only 5 Clydebuilt remained afloat in the world being nowadays as visitor's attraction in San Francisco, Philadelphia, Hawaii and Finland and the one of our story in Glasgow.

The Glenlee is a three mastered barque (term for vessel with at least three masts, all of them fully square rigged except for the stern most one, which is fore-and aft rigged) having hull length of 74.8 meters (245.5 ft), beam of 11.4 meters (37.5 ft) and depth of 6.9 meters (22.5 ft) with the spike bowsprit of 86 meters (282 ft).

The tall ship had double topgallant sails over double top sails. As with many baldheaded sailing ships the square sails were a little wider than the sails of standard rigging to gain sail area for better propulsion.

Glenlee started its operative work on 13 December 1896 and for 23 years she trades as a bulk cargo carrier under the Red Ensign via Cape of Good Hope to Australia returning via Cape Horn.



Picture Glenlee loading Cargo



Glenlee as Galatea in 1922
Owned by the Officers' Spanish Military Navy

Glenlee story tells us change of names and property ownership

United Kingdom

Named Glenlee – 1896-1898

Named Islamount – 1898-1919 – owned by Sailing Ship Co. Ltd. (Robert Ferguson & Co).

Sold 1916 to Italy.

Italy

Named Clarastella – 1916-1922 – Owned by the Star of Italy Italian Shipping Company registered as home port Genoa. The new owner had equipped the vessel with two auxiliary diesel engines (1922).

Sold 1922 to Spain.

Spain

Named Galatea – 1922 -1993 – Owned by the Officers' Spanish Military Navy School, used as a sail training ship. During this ownership period a flying bridge was installed on the poop deck as well as installation of accommodation facilities for 300 cadets.

Home port Ferrol 1922-1981 and Seville 1981-1993 were she was forgotten and abandoned.

A British naval architect (Dr. Sir John Brown, 1901-2000) discovered the vessel in Seville in 1990 and three years later, the Clyde Maritime Trust succeeded in buying the re-named Galatea at auction for 5 million Pesetas (£40,000) and saved her from dereliction.

Sold 1993

**United Kingdom****Named Glenlee**

The Glenlee is one of only 43 vessels recognized by the National Historic Ships Committee as being pre-eminent national significance in terms of maritime heritage' historic associations or technological innovation.



Galatea carried from Spain to Glasgow



Riverside Museum



Except for the hull a massive restoration had taken place removing the changes which had been added to the original vessel during the Spanish period as cabins built for trainees and lot of scrap iron ballast in the frame of the holds. Glasgow had gained back part of its National Historic Fleet





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