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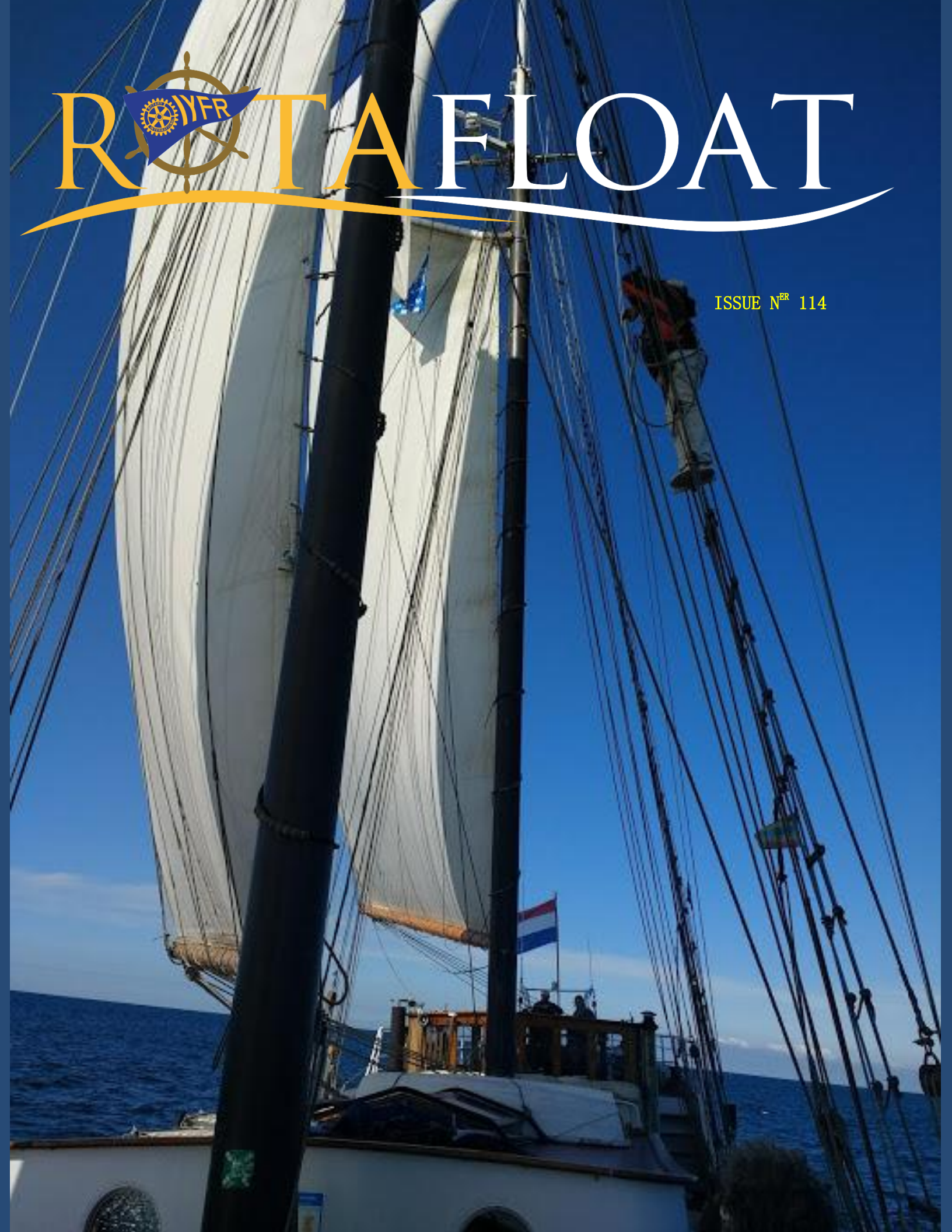


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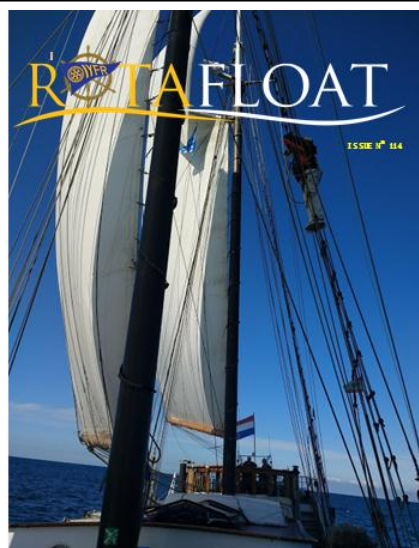
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ABOUT THE COVER:

Good winds!



Farewell Hamburg

Abel Tasman picture courtesy
from Freddy Seiterle

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Our public gratefulness to the Rota float's correspondents without whom this publication wouldn't have been possible. That's the fellowship spirit we love to keep sailing!

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INTERNATIONAL COMMODORE' S MESSAGE



Guillermo Arteta
INTERNATIONAL COMMODORE



Dear friends, IYForians,

This is the last Rotafloat number in my period of two years as International Commodore.

Very much enjoyable it has been for me and, I believe, for most members.

Enjoyment is the right word to apply to our Fellowship. It's achieved through fun and good friendship.

All areas are doing well. Area One is the most numerous and is keeping its membership especially by creating new fleets. These are in Eastern Europe, like Serbia and Ukraine. Italy got its ninth fleet in the last month of 2018.

Area 2 has grown in membership by 13 %. It has kept the same number of fleets during this last Rotarian year, but it has put together many new squadrons. Its finances are perfect, as all fleets have paid their fees.

Presently they are very busy, preparing the next AGM for the whole Area. It will include all regions, both English and Spanish speaking and this itself will be a challenge.

When the present squadrons start developing into fleets, we can imagine that rapid growth is round the corner.

Area 3 has had mixed results. Japan continues to be in good shape, but Australia has a problem of old age in many of its members and one fleet had to be disbanded. Hong Kong has reduced its membership, but as the new AGM for the Area is to be held in that place, a new enthusiasm is expected among them. Auckland is doing well and they have arrived to be 83 in number. The Philippines got into a long needed restructuring. 8 fleets disappeared against a new one in place.

Finance was also restructured and it included the opening of a new account in Britain for the use of the Area.

AGM

The great news of the year that has just finished was, of course, the AGM in Hamburg. The organization was wonderful and it was prepared with very much anticipation. Promotion started in Toronto, a year in advance. The Germans sent a person there, for the purpose.

At the Gala dinner we were surrounded by water in a beautiful place. The sailing itself was in a group of old tall ships with whom we visited three different little ports, one of them in Denmark.

As I'm writing this, the AGM in Athens is being prepared and organized by the Hellenic Aegean fleet. Good mixture of museums, good meals and sailing.

Grants

Continuing with a tradition started about ten years ago, the Fellowship gave grants to projects presented by different fleets around the world, judged worthy of them. All must be in accordance with the objectives of our fellowship and should include not only money but also work done by the fleets' members.

Plastics Free Waters Operation

All over the world Rotary is declaring the problem of plastic in the sea of “District Interest”. The result is that many different actions are being carried out by clubs, Governors and simple Rotarians to try to control this terrible pollution and make the seas safe again. Past International Commodore Sergio Santi has taken the lead in this important matter within IYFR and arranged a meeting of a group of our mariners with the newly nominated RI president just before our AGM in Hamburg.

Events

They take place all the time around the world. We just had the cruise from Valencia to Sagunto presided by our Bernardo Rabassa Asenjo, our Past Iberia regional Commodore. Also the “Hands Across the Border” celebrations among fleets from the USA and Canada that take place every year in the month of August.

Thanks

The most important part of this comment is the acknowledgment of the efforts, care and service from great Rotarians at my side. They did it for Rotary but I was the first beneficiary. Those that at one moment thought that I was good enough, they must be told that it was the team that did it.

I'd like to name a few of them, always in danger of leaving out important contributors:

To start with, it is impossible for me to omit mentioning chief of staff Luigi Norsa or International Treasurer Roberto or Grants Officer Terry or Area Commodore Angie, this last named by me a few months before I took the position of IC. Or the two Regional Commodores of Latin America, Walter and Miriam, that did such a good job. George Futas was the best possible Area treasurer, along with Annette Lewis, his British version. The work of Fernando and Alejandra Kahn as web masters was of fundamental importance.

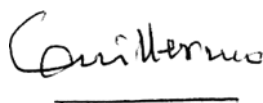
Legal adviser Rodney Davis and public Relations officer Edgardo Gargano, haven't had much to do in this second year, but knowing that they were there, ready to help with any problem, was a great relief.

The case of the Special advisors is very particular. They are selected by the International Commodore throughout the world as having good standing and knowledge about our Fellowship. They don't have any particular position, but are capable of giving valuable opinions in case of need. As said, they are from all areas. Last but not least, I must mention Andrea Celentano, who has been looking after Rotafloat and Graciela Mascherano, the auditor that put together the information that arrived from the areas, so as to produce a balance sheet.

To end the list, there is pending the most important thanks of all, to my 24/7 adviser, my whole year loving companion, my partner through life, my wife Mónica.

To IYFR for giving me the opportunity to serve during many years, from the position of FC in the year 2000 to the present moment.

Thank you.



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2017 – 2019

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AREA 1 REPORT

By Robert Burns IVC A1 Commodore

The overall membership in Area 1 has remained reasonably constant at about 1800. Numbers of members are still falling in some of our more established places, but new fleets and squadrons are forming to compensate. The Hellenic Ionian Fleet appears to no longer exist, but I will do my best to try to revive a fleet there, if at all possible, as that is such a popular sailing area, IYFR should have a presence there.

In October I chartered the first Serbian Fleet in Novi Sad, with 30 members some of whom enjoy sailing off the coast of Croatia, while others prefer the pleasure of their motorboats on the Rivers Sava and Danube. This was a most enjoyable event and we were able to enjoy many of the delights of the area.

With 2019 barely a week-old Sergio Santi chartered the Italy Northern Lakes Fleet, with 23 members and after this meeting in Hamburg, it is off to Ukraine to charter the first Ukrainian Fleet in Cherkasy on 15th June. This will have 51 members, but what is unusual in this fleet is that it will

contain 5 squadrons, which it is hoped will subsequently develop into fleets.

New squadrons have also been formed by the South East Spain Fleet in Marbella and Valencia and these are also expected to grow to become fleets in the not too distant future. Some of the fleets which had been in trouble and whose futures looked doubtful have survived, albeit in reduced numbers and the Mali Fleet which had given up is now re-establishing itself, which is all good news. There are still a number of new areas for us to explore, where IYFR does not have a presence, but where many sailors are active, so we must keep pushing forward, telling Rotarians about the fun to be enjoyed in IYFR.

In terms of fellowship, there was an extremely successful Area 1 Meeting in Portsmouth in September, where 9 of the 12 Regions in Area 1 were represented and two members were welcomed from Chile and Uruguay. There were members from 12 different countries present, which achieved the object of these meetings, in bringing members from all around the Area together to get to know one another better and to widen their enjoyment of

IYFR fellowship. The meeting got off to a great start with everyone being entertained by the 'Shantymen' with some good traditional songs, which often had everyone joining in and singing along. The meeting showed off the British naval tradition and had the Gala Dinner on the gundeck of 'HMS Warrior', the first iron warship to be built, having both motor and sails. The tables were slung on ropes between the cannons, which gave a very different setting. The weather was the only disappointment and made it a very wet crossing to Cowes on the Isle of Wight and, unfortunately, the sailing on the Solent on members' boats on the Sunday.

The Area 1 Meeting in 2019 will take place from 4th to 6th October in Athens and will give a good taste of both,

the ancient history of the area and the beauty of the sea and islands, with the possibility to charter a yacht afterwards to explore the surrounding waters more fully.

Regular regattas continued to take place throughout the area, the Carniola Regatta organised by the Slovenians in Croatia, the Zadar Regatta by the Croatians and the day racing on the Masurian Lakes by the Polish. They all attract members from around the Area and are most enjoyable, providing great fun for our members.

At the meeting in Portsmouth I asked if anyone would organise a cruise in company rather than a regatta and some of

us are now going to sail in the Ionian Sea in October in a cruise organised by Serbian Rotarians. These events also often provide a form of service in raising funds for scholarships or other worthwhile causes. There have also been social programmes organised by some fleets in the winter to enable members to meet up and have fun, when not sailing. These are reported in 'Rotafloat'.

On the service side, this year US\$9,700 were made available to Area 1 in the form of IYFR Grants and five applications were received, two from Slovenia, one from Germany and two from Great Britain. I am pleased to say that they all received money, if not all that they applied for, and it will all be put to good use. Apart from the grants, there are still a number of service projects being undertaken in various parts of the Area. Sadly, Operation Barracuda has stopped, but some fleets will be involved in the new large 'Plastic Free Water' project to raise awareness of the terrible effect waste plastic is having on the seas and marine life.

Therefore, all things considered,
I am delighted to report that Area 1 is in good heart and the members are continuing to enjoy the benefits of the Fellowship.

AREA 2 REPORT

By Angie Mesistrano Area 2 Commodore

MEMBERSHIP: We have maintained the same number of fleets as the previous year. However, two new squadrons were created: in March, the new Manta squadron, belonging to the Guayaquil Ecuador fleet and in May, the new Squadron San Bernardo from Cartagena de Indias fleet. Maybe it draws attention the great number of squadrons we have,(11), if we compare it with the number of fleets,(23). This means that our fellowship is growing in new places. Some squadrons are increasing, which predicts the possibility of new fleets. In this year, at least 8 to 10 new members have requested to join us from our website. Some entered our Area; most of them have their homes away from the fleets, so I have put them in contact with the Fleet Commodore of the World E-fleet, which has also grown. In synthesis, 13 fleets increased, 5 fleets maintained their membership and 5 fleets decreased.

Area 2 is the largest fleet in the world, it has 145members.

Currently Area 2 has seven hundred and seventy five members.

Finally, I can report that in general, our membership had an important growth; we have grown more than THIRTEEN PERCENT 13% this year.

DIFFUSION OF PUBLIC IMAGE: We have had an excellent local diffusion of each fleet and internationally. We have been present in graphic media, youtube, on television, Facebook, Instagram, radio, etc. and in the fellowship's campaign of RI. Also in Area 2 we have enjoyed something different. In a visit from RI President Barry Rassin, Special Advisor Osvaldo Galmozzi had the honor of putting our pin on his lapel. RI asked us for our service programs. We sent them. We have received congratulations from the officer in charge of fellowships. RI required photos and short description for the Rotarian magazine, the June fellowships campaign, the Rotary service blog and the social media channels.

GRANTS: This year we have had availability for grants. The total amount assigned to Area 2 was \$ 4,000. Three fleets have presented their projects. The Grants Committee has approved all three. The fleets that received grants are San Francisco fleet, Delta fleet and Punta del Este fleet.

FINANCES: All fleets in Area 2 have paid their annual fee. Area 2 Treasurer has delivered an early surrender of the balance sheet until March 31st which was sent to the International Treasurer. Our finances are good. The regalia sales have worked well. Regarding to the balance sheet, the details will be given by the International Treasurer reporting on the three areas as a whole.

SERVICE PROJECTS: The fleets have developed different community service programs this year. Taking care of drinking water, bay underwater cleanup, cultural activities, navigating with disabled people, social visits between fleets, beach cleaning, donation of wheelchairs, taking care of marine diversity, marine scouts, and nautical therapy. This year we have developed a program to work against plastic pollution in rivers, seas and oceans. I sent an invitation to all the Area 2 Fleet Commodores inviting

them to participate; many of them have joined the program. Fleets from Canada, USA, Mexico, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay and the squadron of Brazil and Paraguay are participating. We are building a special website for this program. Outside of Area 2, the Italian and Philippine fleets are also working on it. I must mention that the fight against plastic pollution is being carried out from some years ago by PIC Jun Avecilla in the Philippines with Annual Coastal Cleanup and the organization of educational campaigns. RI is presenting an extended description of our program against ocean pollution. It is showing us as an example of an active and involved fellowship.

If everyone makes even one small change, we collectively can make a big impact. We are stronger together, and by working to preserve our planet, we are working to save ourselves.

In Area 2 we have requested support from several District Governors for this program. Many Districts have declared it of District Interest. They are from New Zealand, Italy, Uruguay, Chile, Ecuador, Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, Argentina, and day by day we are receiving new adhesions.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: We had scheduled our Annual General Meeting of Latin America 2019 for October; it was in charge of Ecuador's fleet. For organizational reasons they reported that they could not carry it out. Taking into account other nearby events, we decided to make the AGM next year in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia. it will be on March 20, 2020. In this occasion, for the first time, we will organize the AGM of Area 2. In our Area, we did not have experience of large international organizations; we started three years ago to organize these events, twice Southamerica AGM, once Latinamerica AGM and now we have gained experience to start organizing the AGM of the whole Area.

Cartagena de Indias is a magical, beautiful city. We invite you all to join us. After the AGM we can choose an optional trip to

know the paradisiacal island of San Andres or to know the road of famous Colombian coffee. If you are interested in participating, please let me know, I put you in touch with the organizers.

For second consecutive year, in this international convention, Rotary International dedicates a parallel session to the Rotary Fellowships. Its name: The power of Rotary Fellowships and Rotarian Action Groups. As part of the largest and oldest Rotary Fellowship, I am pleased to see how the importance of fellowships grow, year by year.

To sum up, Area 2 has enjoyed good winds, all the indicators are positive.

Area 3 Report

International Convention - IYFR AGM 2019

By David Hansen A3 Commodore International Rear Commodore

I will briefly report on Area 3, membership, leadership and finances

MEMBERSHIP/LEADERSHIP:

Area three is Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific and Asia.

As at 30 May 2019, we have 40 Fleets, distributed as follows –

❖ Australia	9
❖ New Zealand	2
❖ Philippines	22
❖ Japan	6
❖ Hong Kong	1

Membership currently totals 999

My assessment of the strength of membership:

Australia (21%) - there are a few fleets going well, but some seem to be struggling with the challenge of aging members. One Fleet had to be disbanded because they had dropped to only 4 members and were not responding to any communications.

New Zealand (10%) – The Auckland fleet keeps slowly growing and now has 83 members. The Bay of Islands fleet is much smaller and less active but remains steady.

Philippines (47%) – there has been some restructuring since the last AGM – 8 Fleets have gone and 1 new one formed. Some of the members of disbanded fleets have joined other existing fleets. Some of this has been a result of the untimely death, last

year, of a staunch member Oie. Under Jun's leadership fleet strength and leadership has recovered well.

Japan (21%) – fleets in Japan remain steady in strength and enjoying their fellowship.

Hong Kong (1%) – this fleet has run down over the last few years, but I am hopeful for a good recovery. Our next Area3 AGM will be in Hong Kong and is very much to support them and their incoming Fleet Commodore.

Amongst all the Fleets, the most significant influence on their health is active leadership. Those Fleets with regular and interesting activities and good leadership, almost without exception, thrive. Unfortunately, with aging membership it becomes harder to find those with the energy or enthusiasm to lead.

FINANCES :

It used to be that every two years, the main IYFR Bank account moved to the International Commodore's country. With anti-money laundering legislation this, in many countries, is out of the question. This was certainly the case in New Zealand [money in / money out = looks like money laundering]

In the end, with the help of Bob Burns and Annette Lewis, Area 3 now has their own HSBC US\$ account, based in the UK. Most of our Fleets are remitting funds internationally, so it does not matter whether payment is to a nearby country, or to the other side of the world.

Peter Johns, Area 3 Treasurer, has worked hard to get dues payments up to date. I am now pleased to say that, with the exception of one Fleet, all dues for the last two years have been paid.

So, we are in good shape going forward and will now work to get dues paid in a much more timely manner. Our attention is now turning to regalia.

The Rules changes call for an independent examiner to look at IYFR annual accounts and report to the Executive Committee. I expect that under current processes it will be a challenge to achieve acceptable regalia stock/sales reporting. The Executive Committee are looking at simplifying this aspect of our accounting.

GRANTS:

Area 3 was allocated US\$6,300. Only two Fleets applied and both had worthy projects so the funds were granted to the Subic Bay and Auckland Fleets.

AREA 3 AGM:

This took place in Singapore in September last year and was well attended. Some very worthwhile discussion took place – this forum is very useful for discussions with those in the Area command structure.

Don't forget that the Area 3 AGM will be held in Auckland in 2021, March, to coincide with the America's Cup sailing. Please put this in your diary if you would like to attend.

In summary, there are a few challenges ahead:

1. Simplifying our regalia sales and purchases to achieve improved standards of reporting and accounting
2. Supporting and encouraging leadership so that old and new Fleets can thrive and grow.

FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET

By Roberto Celentano International Treasurer 2017/2019 &
 Graciela Marchesano A2 Treasurer
Consolidated Balance 6/30/2019

Assets

Current Assets

Bank HSBC Area 1	1724,79	
Bank HSBC Area 1	37513,62	
Bank HSBC Area 1	22859,08	
Bank HSBC Area 1	50050,69	
Bank-Wells Fargo	17240,73	
Pay Pal	60,87	
Bank Area 3	6337,73	135787,51

Total Current Assets

Other current assets

Stock regalia Area 1	7001,39	
Stock regalia Area 3	7176,66	
Unpaid Accounts		
Undeposit Funds	228	
Total Other Current Assets		14406,05

Total assets

150193,56

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Account Payable	45	
Owed IYFR Officers and Fleet	1200	
Total Liabilities		1245

Equity

Opening Balance	15430,64	
Unrestricted Net Assets	115370,64	
Net Income	18147,28	
Total Equity		148948,56

Total Liabilities and Equity

150193,56

FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET

AREA 1

Assets			
Current Assets			
	(Libras to		
Bank HSBC	dólar)	1724,79	
	(Euros to		
Bank HSBC	dólar)	37513,62	
Bank HSBC	Dólar	22859,08	
Bank HSBC	Dólar	<u>50050,69</u>	
Total Current Assets			112148,18
Other current assets			
Stock Regalias		7001,39	
Undeposit Funds		0,00	
Total Other Current Assets			0,00
Total assets		<u>119149,57</u>	
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
	Account Payable		
	Owed IYFR Officers and Fleet	0,00	
Total Liabilities			0,00
Equity			
Opening Balance	5087,30		
Unrestricted Net Assets	103733,02		
Net Income	<u>10329,25</u>		
Total Equity			119149,57
Total Liabilities and Equity		<u>119149,57</u>	

FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET

AREA 2

Assets**Current Assets**

Pay Pal	60,87
Bank-Wells fargo	<u>17240,73</u>

Total Current Assets	17301,6
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Other current assets

Undeposit Funds	<u>228</u>
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Total Other Current Assets	228
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Total

assets	<u><u>17529,6</u></u>
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Liabilities**Current Liabilities**

Administrative Liabilities	45
Owed IYFR Officers and Fleet	<u>1200</u>

Total Liabilities	1245
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Equity

Opening Balance	4420,19
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Unrestricted Net Assets	10384,11
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Net

Income	<u>1480,3</u>
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Total

Equity	16284,6
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Total Liabilities and Equity	<u><u>17529,6</u></u>
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FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET

AREA 3

Assets

Current Assets

Bank

Bank HSBC

6337,73

Regalia Stock

7176,66

Total Current Assets

13514,39

Other current assets

Undeposit Funds

0

Total Other Current Assets

0

Total

assets

13514,39

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Account Payable

Owed IYFR Officers and Fleet

Total Liabilities

Equity

Opening Balance

5923,15

Unrestricted Net Assets

1253,51

Net

Income

6337,73

Total

Equity

13514,39

Total Liabilities and Equity

13514,39

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income and Expenditures

By Roberto Celentano International Treasurer 2017/2019

Consolidated Balance

Income		
Fleet dues	33796,25	
Hamburgo Loan	9000	
Regalia	14621,96	
Area one AGM	11465,38	
Other income Area 2	582,8	69466,39
Expenditure		
Regalia	5460,78	
Area One AGM	16378,4	
Bank Charges	746,22	
J Avecilla	500	
Fleet		
Grants	18593,04	
R Burns Allowance	2436,67	
Adnin.	993,74	
Computer and internet	200,26	
Corporate fees	10	45319,11
Reimbursement for expenses		6000
		51319,11
Total		18147,28

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income and Expenditures

AREA 1

Area 1	Income		
	Fleet Dues	12647,27	
	Hamburgo Loan	9000	
	Regalia	10230,61	
	Area One AGM	<u>11465,38</u>	43343,26
	Expenditure		
	Regalia	4698,78	
	Area One AGM	16378,4	
	Bank Charges	237,26	
	J Avecilla	500	
	Fleet		
	Grants	8393,04	
	R Burns Allowance	2436,67	
	Admin.	<u>369,86</u>	33014,01
	Net		
	Income		10329,25

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income and Expenditures

AREA 2

Area 2	Income			
	Fleet Dues Area 2	6840		
	Fleet Dues Area 3	2931,8		
	Regalia Area 2	556,35		
	Regalia Area 3	<u>1690,00</u>		12018,15
	Expenditure			
	Bank Fees PP	264,51		
	Bank Fees WF	122,00		
	Computer and internet expenses	200,26		
	Corporate Fees	10		
	Grant IYFR	3900		
	IYFR administration	<u>623,88</u>	5120,65	
	Reimbursement for expenses		<u>6000,00</u>	11120,65
	others Income	582,8		<u>582,8</u>
	Net Income			1480,30

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income and Expenditures

AREA 3

Area 3	Income		
	Flet Dues	11377,18	
	Regalias	<u>2145,00</u>	13522,18
	Expenditure		
	Regalia		
	Cost	762,00	
	Grants to Fleet	6300,00	
	Bank Charges	<u>122,45</u>	7184,45
	Net		
	Income		6337,73

A1 AGM ATHENS



Find more information below and at <http://www.iyfr.net/new/view-news>

IYFR AGM 2019 PROGRAM

ATHENS 4-6 OCTOBER 2019

Friday 4/10



Hotel Golden Age: Reception and Registration

- 18:30 Departure for Acropolis Museum
- 19:15-21:00 Guided tour at Acropolis Museum
- 21:00 Dinner at Acropolis Museum Restaurant
- 23:30 Transportation to the Hotel

Saturday 5/10

- 10:00 Departure for Guided Tour At Acropolis Archeological site Freetime
- 14:45-15:45 AREA 1 IYFR members meeting at the Golden Age Hotel
- 16:00-18:00 AREA 1 IYFR Annual General Meeting
- 19:00 Departure for Dinner
- 19:45 Gala Dinner in a typical Greek restaurant with traditional Greek music at Plaka area (Athens old city)
- 22:30 Transportation to the Hotel

Sunday 6/10

- 10:00 Departure for Piraeus Port.
- 11:00 Departure for Aegina island by Boat.
- 12:00 Visit of Aegina island and archeological sites
- 14:00 Lunch at a seaside Restaurant.
- 16:00 Departure by boat for Athens.




BOOKING INFORMATION AREA ONE MEETING 4 – 6 OCTOBER 2019

Surname:		
First Name:		
Partners Name:		
Fleet:	Rank:	
Address:		
City:	Country:	Post code:
e-mail:	Phone:	
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Special Dietary Requirements:		
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The cost of the registration for the Area 1 Annual Meeting in Athens is **260 € per person**. This includes the cost of all the events, the food and drink at the events and all transportation.

110 € should be paid by bank transfer to the IYFR bank account below. The Reference must be given as '**Area 1 Athens**'. The remaining **150 €** will be paid in cash in Athens.

IYFR Bank Account

Bank: Piraeus Bank
 IBAN: GR460 172 0530 00505309 2849052
 BIC: PIRBGRAA
 Recipient's Name: Nikolaos Savinos
 Recipient's Address: 2053 Filothei, Athens

Please e-mail the completed form to Lila Kyriakopoulou, Aegean Fleet Commodore, lilakyr@hotmail.com with copies to Takis Farmakis, Aegean Fleet Secretary takis@USA.net and Carlo d'Amore, Area 1 Commodore 2019-21 carlo.damore@gmail.com



IYFR Area 1 Annual Meeting 04-06/10/2019 Athens Greece

Hotel Registration Form

For guaranteed reservations, you are kindly requested to fill in the present form with your Credit Card number and return it to us duly signed. In order to secure space, registration forms should be sent to our reservations department. Fax number 0030 210 7213965, or e-mail to : reservations@hotelgoldenage.com till **September 04th 2019**.

Family Name: _____ First Name: _____

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A special room rate has been negotiated for this event.

Superior double room for Single occupancy : € 135,00 per night

Superior double room for Double occupancy : € 145,00 per night

Room type required: Single occupancy _____ Double occupancy _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____ Total nights: _____

- Room rates are inclusive of Buffet Breakfast, services, V.A.T. and current taxes.

Stayover tax : € 3,00 it is not including. The client must pay this fee upon check in

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- For any cancellation received from September 04th until September 27th 2019, the first night will be charged as cancellation fee.
- For any cancellation received on and after September 28th 2019 or non-show reservations, or early departure full payment will be charged as cancellations fee.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

AREA 3 GENERAL MEETING

MEET AND GREET SEPTEMBER 6, 1730 HOURS

**VICTORIA HARBOUR SAILING
AND SIGHT SEEING SEPTEMBER 7, 0800-1700 HOURS**

**AGM MEETING 1500-1800 HOURS,
GALA DINNER SEPTEMBER 8, 1900-2200HOURS
AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB**

**THE HONG KONG FLEET
INCOMING FC WILLIAM CHU
IRC/A3C DAVID HANSEN**

(SCHEDULE AND DETAILS TO FOLLOW)

36th Annual Hands Across the Border Rendezvous

August 15–18

The 36th Annual IYFR “Hands Across the Border” Rendezvous will be held at Point Wilson Marina, Port Townsend. \$150 per person for entertainment and meals.

Visit <http://seattlerotarymariners.org/hands-across-the-border-rendezvous.html> for registration form

Program Preview for the rendezvous:

THURSDAY – Dockside reception – Pt. Hudson SRM moorage

FRIDAY – Banquet, Program & Entertainment – NW Maritime Center Ballroom

- Caesar Salad - Salmon with sorrel sauce - Grilled sweet peppers, onions and summer squash - Baked Potato with toppings or Basmati Pilaf (with fresh herbs, dried apricots, orange zest and almonds) Fresh Fruit and berries for dessert -- **cash bar**

SATURDAY – IYFR fellowship dinner & entertainment – Pt. Hudson Marine Room

- Bordertown Pork Burrito Bar: Hearty buffet service with options for dietary needs (Vegetarians, gluten intolerant) Bordertown Pork, Black Beans, Guacamole, Corn and flour tortillas, Salsa, Sour cream, Lettuce -- cash bar

SUNDAY - ‘Peace Pole Planting’ - Pt. Hudson Marine Room Southwestern Corn Pudding (corn, eggs and cheeses -mild chilies) - Fruit tray – Muffins – complimentary Campaign.

QUESTIONS?

Email Pete DeLaunay, Seattle Rotary Mariner Commodore.

- Email: pete@delanay.com

A registration fee of \$150/person covers all meals.

Guests pay their own moorage fees, and guest room charges at the B&B or Swan Hotel.

Checks can be made payable to:
Seattle Rotary Mariners and mail to:
George Futas, SRM Treasurer
PO Box 591
Kirkland WA 98083

HAMBURG WORLD CONVENTION AT A GLANCE



FAREWELL PARTY IN KIEL



FUN AT " EYE OF THE WIND"

New Valencia Squadron IYFR Rotary Mariners

By Bernado Rabassa Asenjo IYFR Iberia Past Commodore



Dear Mariners and rotarian friends, I'm please to share pictures from our new Valencia squadron supported by Valencia's Club Rotario whose President is my friend Isabel Cervelló.

We had a faboulous sail form Valencia to Sagunto, we visited Albufera, el Palmar and Valencia and had a gala dinner at two splendid restaurants.

Organizers Antonio Serrano Iberia Commodore SE Fleet along with Fernando Abengozar were great and we are sure next time will be even more fun. Thanks Madrid Carlo d'Amore, Luis Fernando Calvarro, Antonio Jorda, Charo Cases y Abelardo for sharing the fun. Convinced next time will be even better I send everyone my best wishes



Creacion del escuadron de Valencia de la IYFR Mariners de Rotary



Estimados amigos Mariners y rotarios, me complace acompañaros fotografías de la inauguración del Escuadrón de Valencia que comanda la rotaria mariner Marian Domenech apoyada por el Club Rotario de Valencia que preside nuestra amiga Isabel Cervelló. Para todos los que no os animasteis a venir habéis perdido la ocasión de una fabulosa navegada en barco de vela desde Valencia a Sagunto , comida y visita al la Albufera y el Palmar, visita a Valencia y una cena de gala y una comida en dos estupendos restaurantes. Para esto estamos los mariners, de los que acudimos de Madrid Carlo d'Amore, Luis Fernando Calvarro, Antonio Jorda, Charo Cases y Abelardo y yo mismo. Tambien organizó magníficamente el tema Antonio Serrano de la Sureste Fleet actual Commodore of Iberia of IYFR con Fernando Abengozar. La proxima será aun mejor. Saludos de Bernardo Rabassa past Commodore of Iberia

Summer Meeting of the IYFR German NE Fleet & 20th Charter

By Bernd Jurkschat FC 2017–2019 Germany Fleet North-East

Island
Usedom
25–27 May
2018



You will find the island Usedom in the east of Germany in the Baltic Sea. A part of Usedom belongs to Poland. Usedom is known for having the most sun days in all of Germany. We met on Friday at the Seeklause Hotel which is in a village called Trassenheide. We were pleased to have the visit of the German Region Commodore Georg-Maria Hagemeyer.

On Saturday we went to the harbour and had a sailing trip on the historic sailing ship „Weiße Düne“. The Captain was a female one. She told to us about the ship and the ship's history. Later we had a maritime lunch on board with fish and meat. It was marvelous. The weather was very good. The sun was shining. We were all in a good mood.



In the evening we had the IYFR Meeting. A main point was talking about the organization of the Post Convention Cruise 2019 on the Baltic Sea. After that the chairman of the regional Information Center of DGzRS (that means the German Company for Search and Rescue) held a lecture on „How to do SAR“. We got impressive information on how they work and we saw many pictures from their ships in action.



Later we had the banquet. It was a special dinner to celebrate our 20th Anniversary. Fleet Commodore Bernd Jurkschat addressed the jubilee and talked about the history of IYFR and the history of the German Fleet North-East. It was late when we finished.

On Sunday we said farewell after breakfast. The Meeting and the celebration of our 20th Anniversary was a great success!!





PLASTIC FREE WATERS OPERATION

By PIC Sergio di Santi

Every day human negligence and ignorance directly or by way of rivers, thrust into the seas some 22,000 tons of plastic waste; in one month, more than 600,000. The equivalent in weight of three fully laden large cruise ships per month. Floating plastic waste spreads over an area of millions of square meters and pollute it for hundreds of years.

Reliable and careful studies have demonstrated that now in the sea there are three tons of plastic waste for every ten tons of fish. If that continues as such, in 2050 in the seas of the world there will be more tons of plastic waste than fish.

In addition to fish and seabirds, we find pieces of plastic and especially micro-plastics in the whole sea food chain and eventually up and into the human food chain.

Due to the major currents and winds, plastic waste has formed two monstrous islands of plastic and four enormous vortexes of floating material that various attempts at containment have not in the least attacked or reduced. It would seem that their total area surpasses that of the US. In 2018, the International Coastal Cleanup Program has managed to recover a little more than 1000 tons from the beaches of the entire world. That is the equivalent of what is thrown/arrives into the sea in 63 minutes. Every day. Every year. Not taking into account the innumerable thousands of plastics lying on the seafloor endangering the very future of the seas not only of the coral barriers.

CONSIDERATIONS AND PROPOSALS

Fortunately, world awareness is increasing and there are numerous Governments and private initiatives aimed at tackling the problem. Unfortunately, until now the results achieved, especially regarding the plastics recovery in the open seas have not been very successful.

The solutions so far advanced, also considering the exiguity of the treated areas, have collided with the natural winds direction changes and with the variable currents and sea states whose combined actions have partially destroyed the floating barriers or emptied them. The praiseworthy beach cleanings performed by volunteers all over the world are to be considered only a mild cosmetic operation. There are hundreds of initiatives at any level going on but at the moment the only real (also if partial) solution seems to be the reduction of the amount of plastics that reaches the seas through the rivers. Eleven of them (Yangtze, Indo, Yellow River, Hai, Meghna, Brahmaputra, Ganges, Nile, Pearl River, Niger, Mekong) pour into the Seas the 88% of the total amount of the plastic waste.

Given that, and since it is and it will be difficult to eliminate the garbage islands, the actions should necessarily tend to reduce the amount of plastics poured into the seas by means of appropriate barriers. The use and the consumption of throwaway plastics should be strongly discouraged, while it should be strongly encouraged the reuse and recycle of those plastics objects of which it seems we cannot do without.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

this is the must for the years to come.

Rotary International has, since the beginning, been very sensitive to all the problems connected with the environment also because in a degraded environment there can be no future.

Rotarians have been working on it since decades, fully aware of the treat. The images of Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors sensitizing the students in the schools and actually cleaning the coasts and the beaches all over the world, are of inspiration and motivate to go ahead under the Rotary Flag. Rotary can take the lead, coordinate those leopard spot activities and hopefully aim to higher and effective programs. Rotarians are eager and proud to participate and to take action where it is needed, and this is the case. Everybody would do something but lacking of a higher point of view and coordination the horizons are limited.

The International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians IYFR is particularly sensitized to those matters related to the marine, lake and river environment. It is the area where IYFR carries out its activities, thus IYFR feel a full commitment in finding a solution both as citizens and as Sailors, but also as Rotarians who focus on life on our Planet.

The IYFR is composed of about 3,500 members distributed throughout the world who all feel concerned and agree on fighting this plague. If ignored, it will reduce the oceans and seas of the planet to an immense dump yard.

However, IYFR alone cannot expect to attain to even a partial solution to the problem.

Nevertheless, IYFR has an extraordinary ability to increase its capabilities: in its decades of activity focused on recreation and service, IYFR has managed to establish vital horizontal and informal connections between Nations and Continents. Due to the proximity of Club and Rotary District of affiliation, IYFR Fleets have an extraordinary capacity for aggregation. In addition to essential and active intervention on this issue, IYFR can achieve connections between Districts that would otherwise be difficult. IYFR believes that this is one of the real future challenges for a sustainable world and for a new generation in the RI who can oversee the organization and coordination of this activity.

The IYFR capacity for relationship and coordination can ensure that from Chile to New Zealand, from Spain to the Philippines, the Mariner/Club and their Districts of affiliation unite and coordinate to put in place works and deeds worthy of real importance at national, international level and not only at a local one.

However, the IYFR feels the need to amplify its voice in order to reach all Rotary World so that the expected results may be achieved.

- ❖ In particular, once cleared that everyone of them should be meant on a voluntary basis, some actions in synergy are considered necessary.

- ✓ A consistent part of the Rotary Districts join the PLASTIC FREE WATERS project, declaring it “of District interest”.
- ✓ Rotary International should declare this initiative strategic and include it among the major Rotarian planetary initiatives.
- ✓ Public Administrations should be requested to ban the single-use of plastic objects other than those strictly necessary. Public Administrations should be requested to fight also the waste in marine areas, lakes and rivers.
- ✓ Once declared of “District interest” the adhering Districts should commit themselves in raising awareness among the individual Club, knowing that the seas and oceans do not belong solely to the people of the sea, but rather they are part of the world heritage. Significant actions should be undertaken in order to prevent plastic from entering into the seas and lakes by means of the existing devices or promoting new ones.

- ❖ Other actions should be made in communicating the efforts and operas that Districts and Nations are doing in this field.

- ✓ A common movie should be made for each country on a CD or similar support in such a way to be able to be distributed and commented in the schools.
- ✓ The regional school managers should be asked to facilitate the information provided by Rotarians and Rotaractors and to provide joint classes sessions
- ✓ A Forum / round table on the topic should be organized at least once a year to encourage and coordinate actions in each territory.
- ✓ A project (that produces tangible results and is important for that Nation) per year per Nation should be coordinated by a Rotary Committee. One of these projects could consist in the acquisition, put in place and in function of suitable turnkey barriers to be installed on one or more rivers with the related recovery systems.

To Rotary Club ROTARACT and INTERACTt it could be proposed

- That they be required to make their communities aware of these problems, through involvement of schools at all levels
- That municipal regulations which aim to respect the marine environment, be adopted/amended.

CONCLUSION

Thus far, triggered by IYFR, many Fleets and Districts from around the world have joined this initiative: Canada, the United States, Mexico, Ecuador, Columbia, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Japan, China, the Philippine, Australia and New Zealand are expected to follow.

On the Italian national site of the Rotary International, it is written:

“we believe in a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves”.

What a better way to prove it?

With our best regards



Sergio Santi, RC Chiavari Tigullio D2032

IYFR International Commodore 2013-5



ROME "MOBILITY WITH ZERO IMPACT: THE FUTURE IS GREEN" *ALIS event*



MOBILITY WITH ZERO IMPACT: THE FUTURE IS GREEN. Safety, sustainability and innovation in Italy and in Europe ”. This is the title of the national event organized by ALIS - with the moral sponsor from the Environment Ministry and of Protection of the Territory and the Sea - May 20 in Rome in the splendid setting of Piazza di Siena at Villa Borghese.

The goal of this event is to promote the policy management regarding environmental sustainability, which encourages best practice in the context of transport and movement.

ALIS associates, Institutions, Civil and Military Authorities, Entrepreneurs, Workers and Young People, from all over Italy attended at Piazza di Siena starting at 9.00 am, in order to discuss the future of mobility, a central point from our country and the European Union agenda .

The day began with the theme session "FOCUS Line: sustainable mobility", moderated by Focus director Jacopo Loredan, in which guests of the highest level were confronted in the field of sustainability, science and the enhancement of the territory: the astronaut Umberto Guidoni, the president of the environmental association Marevivo Rosalba Giugni, Greenpeace Italy director Giuseppe Onufrio and ALIS general director Marcello Di Caterina.

Conclusions were held to the Council of Ministers Vice President and Interior Minister MATTEO SALVINI, who has repeatedly shown himself to be attentive and close to Italian entrepreneurs who, as ALIS members, invest human and economic resources in safety, sustainability and innovation, promoting the revival of the Country System and employment growth, especially among young people.

‘Wappen von Ueckermünde’ appeared on the Post Convention Tall Ship Cruise 2019

By Bernd Jurkschat Commodore 2017–2019 German NE Fleet



Our intention was to represent the ‘Wappen von Ueckermünde’ called ‘Rollisegler’. It is the first German tallship suitable for disabled people sponsored by Rotary Club Ueckermünde Heide, by the German IYFR Fleet North East, by IYFR Grant, by ‘Stiftung für Ehrenamt und bürgerliches Engagement in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern’ among many others. The ZERUM (Zentrum für Erlebnispädagogik und Umweltbildung e.V.) runs the ship.

In order to support this we sailed from home port Ueckermünde to Kiel Holtenau to join the ‘Post Convention Tall Ship Cruise 2019’.

He had the opportunity to demonstrate the ship to many interested persons from all over the world and to anyone, who wanted to see it.

Lots of sailors and visitors came on board to become acquainted with the ship. The ship has been in use since 2007. On the ship, four disabled persons and their companions can

sail with the crew. The crew consists of two voluntary well grounded sailors. All persons on board with or without disabilities can take part in managing sailing and living on board. So the dream of sailing can be achieved by everyone, disabled or not.



The ship is a ketch (‘Spreizgaffelketch’). It measures 22 meters in the length and 5.60 meters in the width. The draft is 2.30 meters and the five sails area is 235 m².

There are two wheel chair lifts on board, which bring the disabled persons up and down into the saloon and to the cabins. The deck, the saloon and the cabins including the restrooms are built without barriers.



The demonstration of the ‘Rollisegler’ in Kiel Holtenau was a great success. All visitors were very impressed with the ship. We were very thankful to be able to show the ship and for supporting this demonstration by IYFR Grant.

After that we took part in the Post Convention Cruise to Marstal – Eckernförde – and again Kiel Holtenau.

In the end we said our farewells and sailed back to home port.

For further information look at www.rollisegler.de

If you wish to donate, please find here the donations account:

Förderverein Rollisegler, Hirtenstieg 3, D
17373 Ueckermünde

IBAN: DE16 1505 0400 3210 0156 00

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SPAIN AND THE SEAS, GLOBAL APPROACH IN THE IV SPANISH MARITIME CONGRESS.

Bernardo Rabassa Asenjo. IYFR Iberia Past Commodore



The Royal Spanish Naval League and the Spanish Maritime Cluster have organized the IV National Maritime Congress on May 8 and 9, which I have attended, and which has addressed the reality of the Spanish maritime sector, as well as its more immediate future. Once again, the IV Congress serves to express the joint voice of a sector whose importance is totally unknown to Spanish society. The IV Congress has marked a line of continuity with respect to previous congresses (Santander 2014 and Cartagena 2016) and has given greater visibility to the maritime sector, appealing to create a maritime awareness in Spain that serves as an economic stimulating element through all involved actors.

Indeed all the papers have shown, the need for an Agency or Ministry of the Sea to deal in a centralized manner with the multiple problems that arise in the Navy, Maritime Commerce, the Sports Marina, the Naval Industry, Fisheries and the ecological problem of combating the

pollution that arises, of the own traffic as of limiting the use of the seas as a dump of the continental shelves, besides contributing to the sustainability of our planet and of its immense seas and oceans.

One of the great Gordian knots of the Spanish maritime sector is, according to Juan Díaz Cano in the ABC newspaper, *"the existing administrative transversely that governs it"*. The merchant marine and the sport depend on Development, fishing is integrated with agriculture and food, the shipyards depend on Industry and, finally, they all end up flowing into the Treasury. For a longtime, the Naval League has been advocating the creation of a Ministry of the Sea that brings together our different Marines, except for the Navy. This would suppose a

breath of fresh air for the sector. As for the role of the autonomous communities, it should be noted the confusion of applicable regulations, according to each community, for sports nautical ". In the year of the V Centenary of Magallanes and Elcano's trip around the world, the RLN wants to emphasize that *"the maritime*



history of Spain is fascinating''.

The great discoveries, the first circumnavigation, the Indian fleets, the naval architecture, the cartography, the navigation techniques, the development of astronomy or international trade have dictated their evolution for centuries through our language. We have reasons to be proud of our past. Recognizing it allows us to face the future with greater confidence and security ».

One of the problems of the sector is that half of the Spanish merchant marine sails under other flags, due to the lack of competitive fiscal incentives. fiscally more convenient.

The topics addressed by notable speakers, sailors, lawyers, shipowners, naval engineers, industrial and economic associations have been:

Day 8 First of all the foreseeable Spanish armada of the XXI Century that has demonstrated the importance of the new technologies that in collaboration with Navantia is developing with new 710 frigates, even with a virtual design of a twin ship that allows to foresee, any change that would have what to do to directly take it to the boat and install it next. The Spanish Merchant Navy of the 21st century and its infinite problems of taxation, flag building, etc. The Shipyards of the future. Viability of the future of the national shipyards with a new design capacity that uses digital systems and new fuels such as liquefied gas, which avoid pollution and improve performance. The Ports that in Spain have even been oversized, and that are highly profitable both in passenger traffic and merchandise and containers, including large cruise ships (floating hotels) that contribute so much to the economy but must respect the environment and avoid greenhouse effect.

I + D + i in the Spanish maritime sector; Discovery and Deployment Decarbonization and energy potential of our oceans; Robotics, automation and energy transition in ships; Digital Transformation and Shipyard of the future. The Sport Marina (Yachting) and its future, which contributes so much to generating employment and occupation of water bodies in ports, with the corresponding payment of fees. V Centenary of the first round the world. The Nao Victoria and the first round the world that shows that Elcano was our main discoverer after Christopher Columbus and the greatest contribution of history to the relations of Asia and Oceania with Europe.



BERNARDO RABASSA ASENJO. Besides being IYFR Iberia Past Commodore he is

PRESIDENT OF CLUBS AND LIBERAL FOUNDATIONS. ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF EUROPEAN LIBERAL ALLIANCE (ALDE), PRIZE 1812 (2008). EUROPEAN CITIZEN AWARD 2013. MEDAL TO CULTURAL MERIT 2015, SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGIST. AMBASSADOR OF TABARNIA. ACADEMIC OF THE REAL ACADEMY OF THE SEA.

New Squadron in Iquique from Puerto Varas Fleet, Chile

Reported By Loreto Alvarez Norero



Captain Fernando Carvajal , Claudia together with other Iqueques Members

New Squadron in Iquique city at Chile's North. Iquique is located more than 1700 kilometres north from Valparaiso's Region. Squadron was born out of the different Iquique's clubs members. Iquique's Captain is Fernando Carvajal

Valparaiso itself has also got a Squadron led by Ema Rodriguez and we all belong to Puerto Varas Fleet at Chile's South. Iquique is 2780 kilometres from Puerto Varas city. Each and every member from Chile's agrupation are constantly connected through mail, phone or whatsapp.



- ❖ Loreto and Emma handing books to Valparaiso School director for the Paraguay Republica School sponsor by Rotary

NOTICIAS DE LA FLOTA PUERTO VARAS

En la ciudad de Iquique en el norte de Chile, se ha formado el escuadrón con 10 miembros , Iquique está a más de 1700 kilómetros al norte de la región de Valparaíso que es la zona central del país . A fines de abril , viajé a dicha ciudad norteña , me reuní con los 4 clubes de y lo enriquecedor es que , el escuadrón nació entre los miembros de los diferentes clubes iquiqueños .

Valparaíso, también tiene un escuadrón con miembros de uno de los clubes De Santiago y todos pertenecemos a la flota Puerto Varas , que se formó hace años en el territorio del sur de Chile . Desde la ciudad de Puerto Varas hasta Iquique son 2.780 kilómetros. Todos y cada uno de los miembros de la agrupación de Chile , estamos continuamente conectados sea por e mail , teléfono y el rápido servicio del Whatsapp.



- ❖ Valparaíso: Loreto y Ema haciendo entrega de libros al director del colegio para la biblioteca de la escuela República del Paraguay , escuela que patrocina ROTARY

GUAYAQUIL FLEET, ECUADOR ORGANIZED TRAINING ABOUT ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION WITH ITS MARINE SCOUTS

By Walter Eaglehurst Regional Commodore West Latin America



Once again, the youth and the community of San Francisco del Cabo town, was greatly benefited, with a new initiative of the Guayaquil Ecuador Fleet, by training with the Ministry of Environment of Ecuador more than 100 Marine Scouts belonging to Admiral Germán Yopez Brigade, and who directs the current Fleet Vice Commodore Marcelo Arteaga.

Training was held from May 7 to 10, 2019, in the beautiful Natural Reserve of San Francisco del Cabo province of Esmeralda Ecuador, focus on the preservation, care and protection of the Environment. The successful Marine Scout Program was born on Friday, December 9, 2016, thanks to the enthusiasm and vision of Marcelo Arteaga, and during these years, it has had a great positive impact on the local and national community of Ecuador

Currently the Guayaquil Ecuador Fleet is led by the Fleet Commodore Hugo Klopstein, has two Squadrons Esmeralda and Manta, being its main Service Program the formation of a healthy spirit youth, educated in the values of the service through of its Marine Scout Program.



FLOTA GUAYAQUIL ECUADOR ORGANIZA JORNADA DE CAPACITACION DE PROTECCION DEL MEDIO AMBIENTE CON SUS SCOUTS MARINOS



Nuevamente , la juventud y la comunidad del Pueblo de San Francisco del Cabo, Se vió enormemente beneficiada, con una nueva iniciativa de la Flota Guayaquil Ecuador, al capacitar junto al Ministerio de Medio Ambiente del Ecuador a más de 100 Scouts Marinos pertenecientes a la Brigada Almirante Germán Yopez, y que dirige el actual Vice Comodoro de Flota Marcelo Arteaga.

La capacitación se realizó los días 7 al 10 de Mayo del 2019 ,en la hermosa reserva Natural de San Francisco del Cabo provincia de Esmeralda Ecuador, y fue orientada a la preservación, cuidado y protección del Medio Ambiente. El exitoso Programa de los Scouts Marinos , nació el Viernes 9 de Diciembre del 2016, gracias al entusiasmo y la visión del Rotario Marcelo Arteaga, y durante estos años ,ha tenido un gran impacto positivo en la comunidad local y nacional del Ecuador.

Actualmente la Flota Guayaquil Ecuador es liderada por el Comodoro de flota Hugo Klopstein, , cuenta con dos Escuadrones Esmeralda y Manta, siendo su principal programa de Servicio la formación de una Juventud íntegra , con espíritu sano, educada en de los valores del servicio a través de su Programa Scouts Marinos.

SUBIC BAY FLEET RECIPIENT OF IYFR GRANT: A BOOST TO ITS SAILING SCHOOL AND PROGRAM

By Zedrick T. Avecilla, FC Subic Bay Fleet



Instructor/Coach JD showing the ropes.

"I have received your grant application for \$7,000. As only \$6,300 was allocated for the whole of area 3, I have had to reduce the amount of funding to \$4,800 for your project.

I will instruct International Treasurer to deposit the \$4,800 into the nominated bank account." Writes IYFR Grants Chairman PC Terry Stretton on April 4, 2019 to our delight.

Thank you for the wonderful news. We truly appreciate the support of IYFR in our quest to spread the love of boating to the Filipinos, young or old, rich or poor. We believe that sailing is for everyone... even the disabled.

This grant will be a great help in pursuing sail Training Program and some of the donated boats -by the Habe Haven Yacht Club and Sailability Hong Kong last November 2018- repair. The donation is composed of several optimist and pico dinghies, laser vago and bahia, topper omega, kayaks including a Hansa 303 dinghy for disabled people as well as two

Hammerhead Ribs safety boats with 90HP engines to ensure our students safety. Thanks also to the IYFR Philippine Fleet who raised the money to cover the freight to bring the boats over to Subic Bay in two 40' containers which arrived in January this year.



We have already started with some repairs which allow us to use some of the boats. We have given sailing lessons to people as young as 7 and as old as 73 since these boats were put into use. We have seen how sailing uplifts many of Filipinos lives who are now earning good living onboard yachts around the world.

We want to be able to breed the next generation of sailors that fill with pride and honor our country and will continue our legacy as a maritime nation.

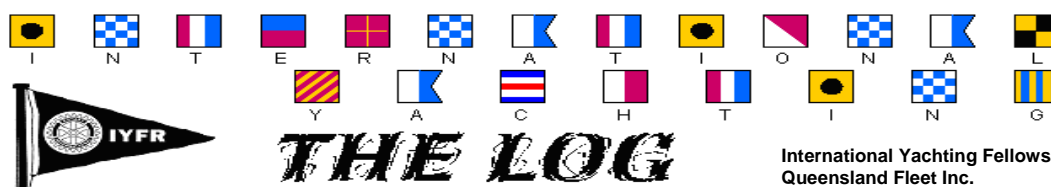
Thank you once again Mabuhay and IYFR!



The Hansa Sailability boat on the foreground and the Picos at the background.



Summer Clinic at The Lighthouse, Subic Bay.



International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians
Queensland Fleet Inc.
Organisation Number IA 15861
5 Parklane Place Bulimba, QLD 4171 Australia

June Meeting – Colmslie Hotel/Motel Thursday 28 June, 2018

Commodore Eddie Richards welcomed 7 members, First Mate Libby Fern and guest Deidre Nutt. Apologies were received from John Odum and Erwin Spork.

Resignation of PC John Burkett

Commodore Eddie Richards announced that PC John Burkett has resigned from the Fleet. John has decided that because of other commitments he will be unable to attend our meetings. This means that the position of treasurer for next year is vacant.

PC Bruce Douglas agrees to continue as Treasurer

PC Ken Clift asked Bruce Douglas if he would carry on as treasurer and following Bruce's agreement PC Ken Clift nominated Bruce Douglas as Treasurer for 2018-19 and following a short discussion the vote in favour was unanimous and Commodore Eddie Richards thanked Bruce for accepting this task.

Office of Fair Trading

Commodore Eddie Richards announced that because the audit hasn't been completed the Fleet's Annual Statement has not been submitted to the Office of Fair Trading and a letter has been received from the Office of Fair Trading advising that the Fleet's Annual Statement is required by 15 July. Treasurer Bruce Douglas advised that arrangements have been made to complete the audit in early July. PC Ken Clift advised that because of the low value of the Fleet's accounts an audit was not required by law but it is a requirement under the Fleet's Rules and perhaps the Rules should be amended to remove the requirement for the accounts to be audited.

Jim Fern's Report on the 2018 Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race

Commodore Eddie Richards invited PC Jim Fern to present his report. Jim began by describing how one hour before the start there was little wind despite the E/SE 20-30 knot forecast. But, by the time the race started the wind speed had increased and all the crew on the fabulous *Hasta La Vista* were wearing life jackets and safety harnesses with short tethers. Heading down the outside of Bribie Is. they had perfect reaching conditions and were doing 20 knots with the spinnaker up. However, off Caloundra the sea conditions changed with big swells caused by a cyclone up north. *Hasta La Vista* was surfing down the waves and Jim and another crew member were washed to the stern where Jim hit a winch. The tethers stopped them going overboard. Jim then described how on another boat the helmsman was washed overboard when a big sea broke the steering wheel. Fortunately the crew took quick action and within 11 minutes the overboard person was found and back on board. The wind speed was 33-35 knots and *Hasta La Vista* was sailing with a double reef in the main and no headsail. The swell was 5-6 metres. Two of the crew were sea sick and it was decided to stay closer inshore rather than go offshore where the sea conditions might have been better. Once they rounded Breaksea Spit the sea conditions were better and with the spinnaker up they covered the 88 miles to the entrance to Gladstone harbour in 4 hours with a top speed on 28 knots. The good speed continued to the finishing line and *Hasta La Vista* was the second multihull to finish. Jim then reported that the party lasted longer than the race. Jim's presentation was supported by a number of very exciting photographs.

Following a lively discussion Commodore Eddie Richards thanked Jim for a very comprehensive report.

