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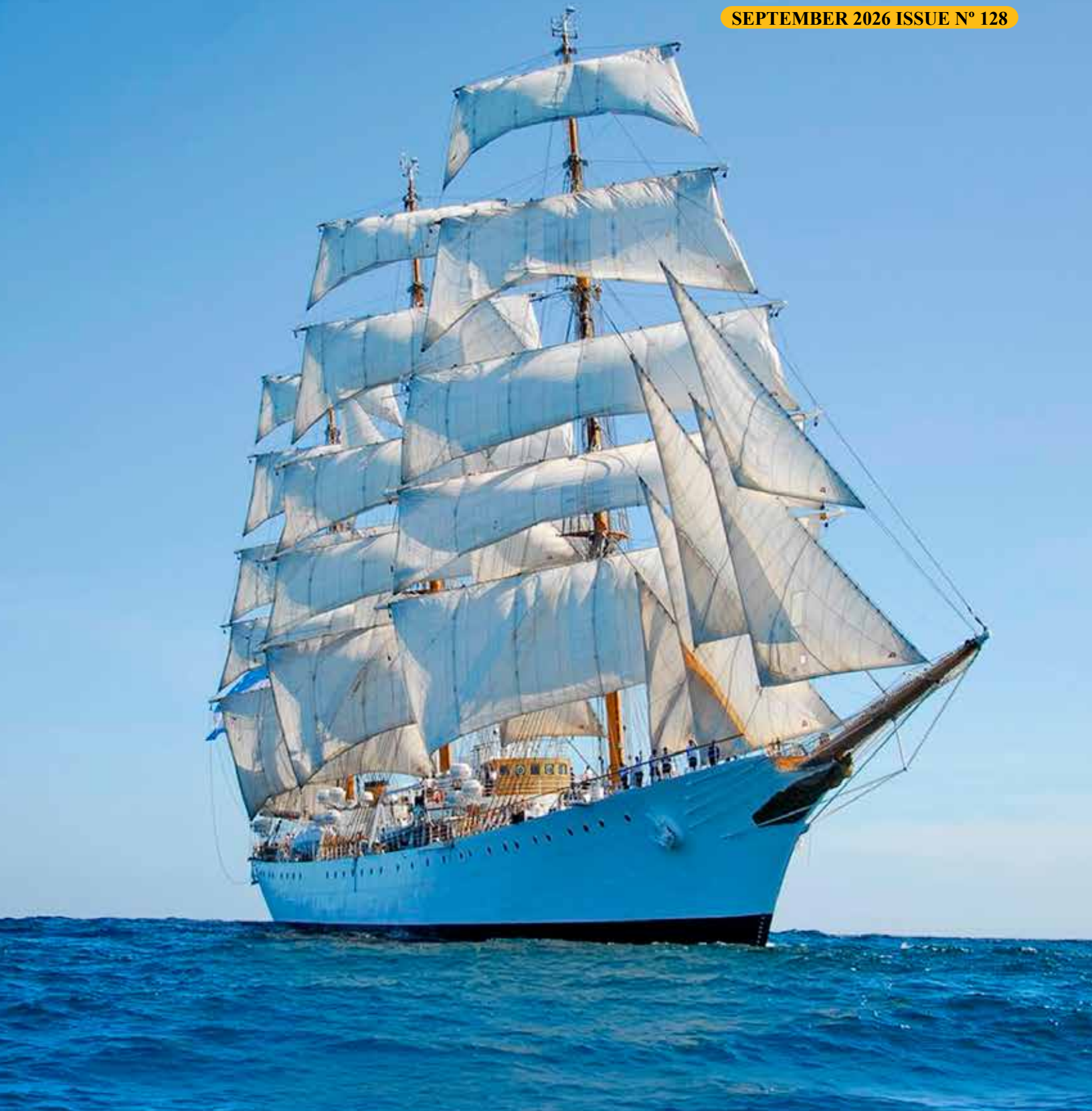


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About the cover
Frigate ARA Libertad

The ***ARA Libertad*** frigate is the emblematic training ship of the Argentine Navy. Designed and built entirely in the country at the Río Santiago Shipyard, it serves as a true "traveling ambassador" of the nation, carrying a message of peace and cooperation to every international port it visits.

La fragata ARA Libertad es el emblemático buque escuela de la Armada Argentina. Diseñada y construida enteramente en el país en el Astillero Río Santiago, funciona como una verdadera "embajadora itinerante" de la nación, llevando un mensaje de paz y cooperación a cada puerto internacional que visita.

By Eduardo Gabriel

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INTERNATIONAL COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

September 2026



Carlo d'Amore

INTERNATIONAL COMMODORE

Commodore's Corner: Looking Ahead

It was wonderful to connect with fellow IYFR members from the Iberia Fleets in Area 1 during our recent navigation and gathering at Tabarca Island. These gatherings offer a wonderful opportunity to exchange ideas, share updates from across our regions, and strengthen the friendships that make the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians (IYFR) so special.

Several fleets were chartered over the summer, creating opportunities for members to gather, welcome new friends, and enjoy time on the water. I look forward to building on that momentum as we head into the next season.

My travels will continue as well. At the end of October, I will attend the A3 Annual General Meeting in Kobe, Japan. En route, I will have the pleasure of chartering three new fleets in the Philippines. I look forward to meeting fellow members, hearing about activities throughout A3, and strengthening connections across our international fellowship. On my return from Japan, I will stop in Taiwan to charter another new fleet. It is exciting to see IYFR's reach continue to grow!

Looking ahead to 2027, we have some exceptional opportunities to bring our fellowship together.

In June, the Rotary International Convention will take place in Barcelona, and I hope many IYFR members will join us. Just one week before the convention, the America's Cup will be in Naples, alongside our Area 1 Annual General Meeting. What a terrific opportunity to celebrate the excitement of sailing while embracing the spirit of Rotary service, international friendship, and fellowship.

Closer to home, we are also working to refresh and strengthen the IYFR brand as we approach a significant milestone: our **80th anniversary in 2027.**

We are engaged in constructive dialogue with Rotary International concerning the future presentation of the IYFR identity and its alignment with current Rotary visual identity guidelines. We fully recognize Rotary International's responsibility to protect the Rotary name and marks. At the same time, our burgees, flags, uniforms, and insignia represent nearly eight decades of fellowship and form an important part of our shared heritage.

Our goal is to find an appropriate and balanced solution that meets current policies while preserving the history and traditions that have distinguished IYFR since its founding in 1947.

In the meantime, please observe the following guidance: Printed materials used at public events or in public spaces must feature the approved logo provided by Rotary International. Members may continue to use existing regalia and uniforms already in circulation. Further guidance concerning future printed materials, flags, uniforms, and other nautical applications will be shared once discussions with Rotary International are complete.

This process is about more than visual presentation. It is an opportunity to reaffirm what makes IYFR distinctive: the combination of boating, international friendship, service, and Rotary values. As we welcome new members and establish new fleets, we want our identity to remain recognizably Rotarian while honoring the traditions on which our fellowship was built.

We have a remarkable history to celebrate and an exciting future to shape. Every gathering, fleet activity, AGM, and international connection adds another chapter to our shared story.

So, keep your sails trimmed, stay connected, and watch for opportunities to gather with fellow IYFR members. There are many miles to sail, new horizons to explore, and friendships yet to be made.

Fair winds and good fellowship! I look forward to seeing you on the water, in Kobe, Naples, Barcelona, or wherever our IYFR journeys take us.

Carlo d'Amore
International Commodore, 2025–2027

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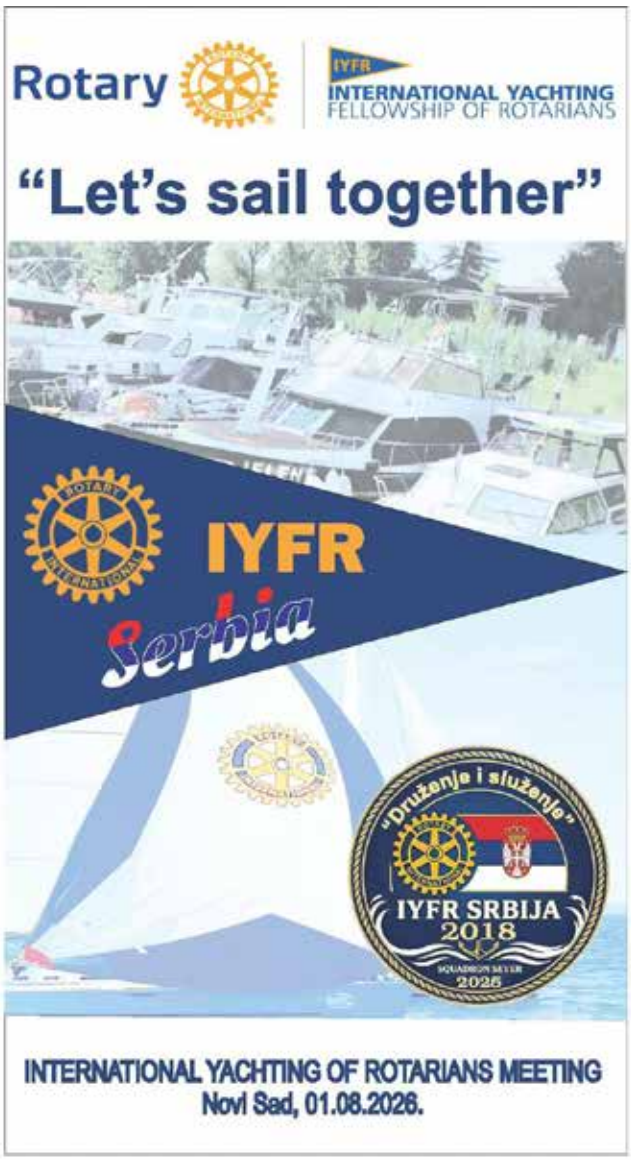
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HANDOVER CEREMONY FOR THE REGIONAL COMMODORE OF THE BALKANS

By Jovan Velja

Organized by IYFR Serbia, a ceremony marking the handover of the duties of the Regional Commodore for the Balkans was held on August 1 of this year. The ceremony and the gathering that followed took place at Stražilovo, at the venue of our member Dejan Čavić.

The formal part of the event was opened by IYFR Serbia Commodore Zoran Kuzmanović, who welcomed the





senior officers of IYFR Area 1, as well as all other guests in attendance.

Among those present were Past Regional Commodores Marko Murn and Erik Mlinar, together with around 25 members of IYFR Serbia.









The insignia of office and the pennant were presented to the new Regional Commodore by Past Commodore Erik Mlinar.
Numerous congratulations and messages of support were also received from members of IYFR Serbia who were unable to attend, as well as from friends throughout the region.

As is well known, Area 1, of which IYFR Serbia is a part, encompasses the countries of Europe, North Africa and the Middle East. The Balkan Region consists of the Rotary fleets of Serbia, Croatia and Slovenia.
The appointment of our member Jovan Velja, Past Commodore of IYFR Serbia, as the new Regional Commodore for a two-year term represents both an honor and a recognition of the trust that our fleet has earned through its work and notable achievements in organizing the first trilateral meeting of the Balkan fleets and the Area 1 Annual General Meeting.





Following this, RC Jovan Velja presented the activities of IYFR Serbia and Squadron North during the course of this year.

Rotarians are known not only for successfully carrying out humanitarian projects, but also for being sociable people who value friendship and know how to celebrate and enjoy themselves.

That part of the gathering was taken care of by a tamburitza orchestra featuring a virtuoso accordionist, who kept the cheerful atmosphere going until late in the afternoon.

Special thanks go to our host, Dejan Čavić, whose hospitality and culinary magic were, once again, outstanding.





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Rotary District 1913 Croatia

Rotary PLASTIC WATERS IYFR

III World Rotary Regatta
29. Rotary Charity Sailing Flotilla B2B
17th October – 19th October, 2026

Kornati islands, Croatia:

120 trees for 120 rotary years

PROGRAM

The Rotary clubs of our district, as well as friends from other neighboring districts, and the Yachting Fellowship are involved in the fund-raising campaign to help children in homes. Funds collected from the auction of reproductions of paintings with marine motifs, the wine auction, the lottery, and the income from the regatta will be divided into the aforementioned actions.

We attach great importance and attention to the protection of the Sea and prevention of further pollution.

Microplastics accumulate and pollute life in the sea and on land. It's very simple, let's not throw anything away

Saturday, 17th October Program

14:00	***Vinarija Baraka - Vodice*** */* tasting of wine and olive oil - *fingerfood 25€*
do 17:00	**Marina Biograd**: registration of crews and ships, division of start numbers, accreditation and payment of entry fee
18:00	**"Rotary Gourmet"** each club brings a sample of specialties from their region, and presents wines and beers for humanitarian action and lottery
19:00	Opening of Regatta
20:00	Restaurant Biograd: opening of the regatta, presentation and recording of crews, dinner and wine auction

Sunday, 18th October Program

09:00	Marina Biograd - terrace: meeting of skippers
10:00	Start of the regatta **- Veli Iž,** break, swimming and free sightseeing of the island
15:00	Start of the second race towards islands, finish in front of the Veli Iž
17:00	Arrival
20:00	catamaran party, different restaurants, music at the pier

Monday, 19th October Program

08:30	Veli Iž - terrace, meeting of skippers
10:30	Start of the regatta towards the island of Kornati arhipelago
13.00	Start of the 4th race finish infornt Biograd
17:00	**Marina Biograd** - restaurant, dinner, distribution of prizes and cups, music

- **The cost of a 3-day program is per person 190 €uro - 226€ week befor regatta** .

Indication for payments of crew and persons in the Application. The price **includes** 3 dinners,

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music, organizational and regatta costs, cups and prizes, embroidery, humanitarian goal of the regatta. The cost of berth, meals on board and parking in the marina **is not included** in the price.

- Payments to: **Yachting Center Biograd, 23210 Biograd, Splitska15, swift: ZABAHR2X; IBAN HR4323600001102490053** Purpose of payment: Regatta registration fee

As a confirmation of the application for participation in the Regatta, each crew must pay the amount of € 100 per crew member, in case of cancellation they do not return

- Boat rental is not included, good prices through the organizers. Please make reservation befor season to get bettter boats and price

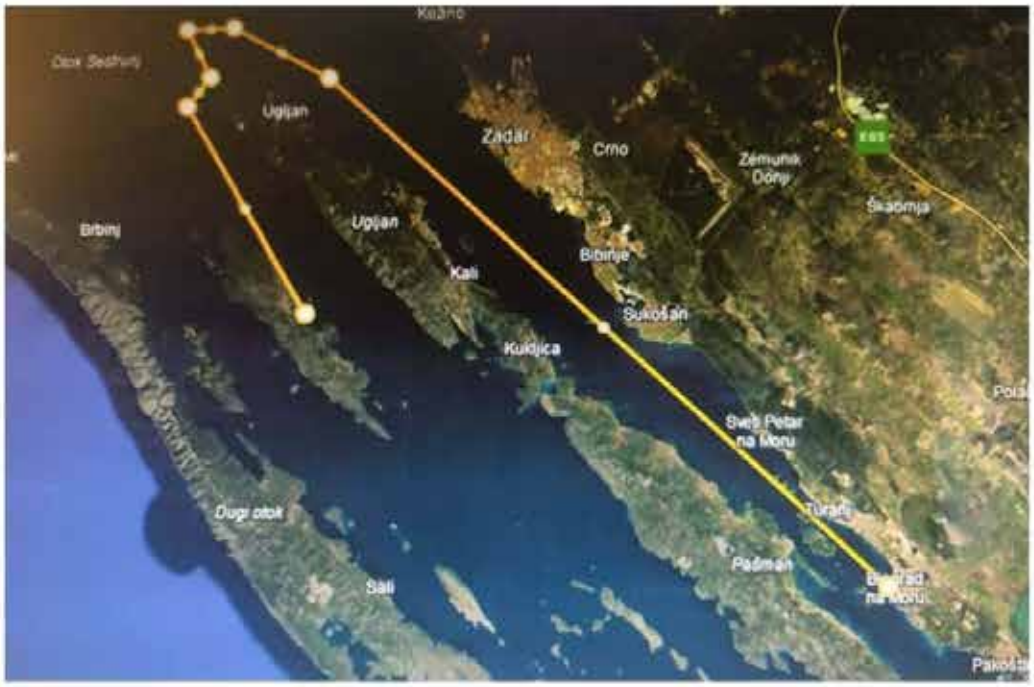
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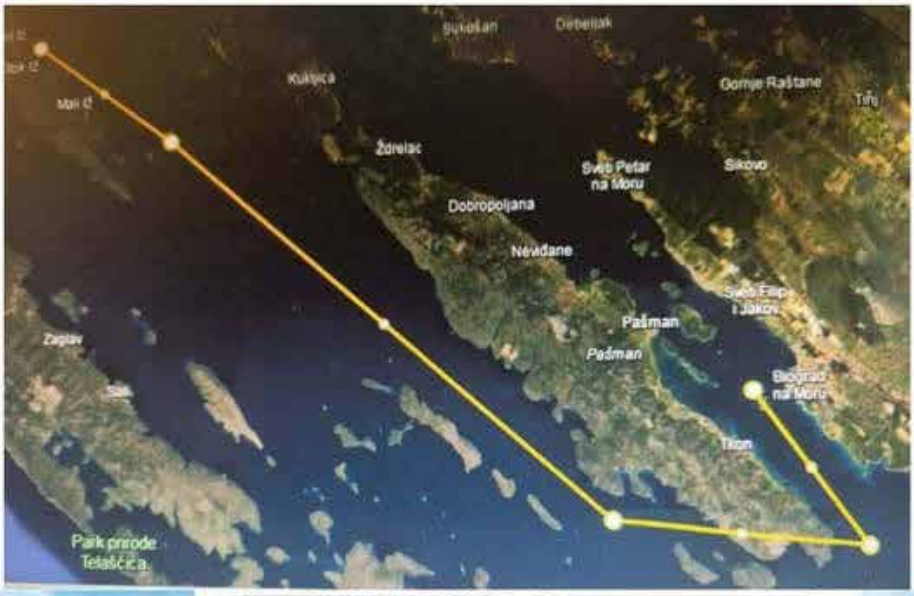


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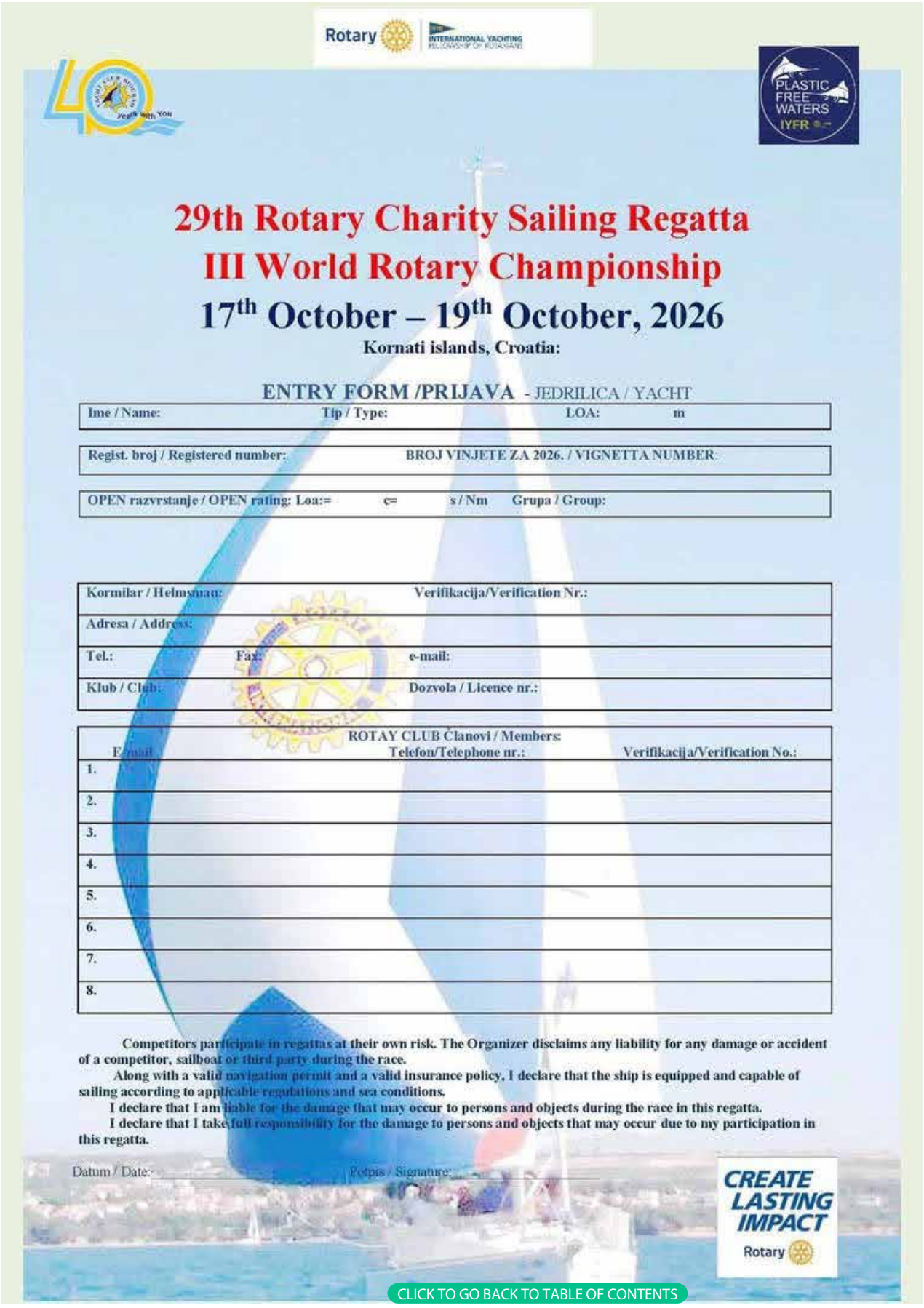


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29th Rotary Charity Sailing Regatta
III World Rotary Championship
17th October – 19th October, 2026

Kornati islands, Croatia:

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Along with a valid navigation permit and a valid insurance policy, I declare that the ship is equipped and capable of sailing according to applicable regulations and sea conditions.

I declare that I am liable for the damage that may occur to persons and objects during the race in this regatta.

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IYFR AND ROTARY: ONE COURSE FOR THE TERRITORY

By Giuseppe Garrisi

In the presence of the Commodore of the Italy Region, Giuseppe Garrisi, From Southeast Fleet Commodore Ascanio Carlucci, The traditional annual gathering of the Brindisi squadron, led by Giuseppina Scarano, took place at the local picnic area. The Brindisi Port Commander, Francesco Lisco, was present and numerous past Commodores of the Southeast Fleet.
In the institutional speeches, topics such as sea protection, sustainable nautical tourism, educating young people in maritime culture and the enhancement of the Port of Brindisi as a gateway to the Mediterranean were discussed. Central themes for IYFR, which has always combined a passion for boating with a commitment to service.



The most anticipated moment of the evening was the induction ceremony. *The IYFR Brindisi Squadron welcomed three new members*, three outstanding figures who best represent the spirit of the fellowship: service, professionalism, love for the sea and for Brindisi.
The first pin was presented to *Silvia Rosato*, a jurist of the highest level. Lawyer, university professor, a respected name in the national legal field. With her expertise and authority.
Next to join the squadron was *Mauro Magliozzi*, a successful entrepreneur in the hospitality and construction sectors.
Completing the trio is *Luciano Bocci*, geographer and scholar. A brilliant mind, capable of reading the territory, the coastal landscape, and the social and environmental dynamics. Bocci will serve as the squadron's cultural compass for developing initiatives related to sustainability, slow tourism and knowledge of Puglia's maritime heritage.

Honorary Member IYFR to Giuseppe Danese: The Entrepreneur of the Sea and Hospitality,personally pinned on by the Commodore of the Italy Region, Giuseppe Garrisi.



Giuseppe Danese is the face of Brindisi entrepreneurship that looks forward without forgetting its roots. His shipyard is an internationally recognized excellence, a company that works with the world's largest shipyards and carries the name of Brindisi across the seas of the entire planet.
The evening ended late at night, with toasts, music and the promise of new joint projects.



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APPOINTMENT OF SUB AREA REGION AUSTRALIA, REGION COMMODORE (RC) AND REGION VICE COMMODORES (RVC)

By Murray McNally

"Rising from the ashes!
And having laid low for over a year!
Murray McNally now appointed as Region Commodore AUSTRALIA, having full support of the IYFR South West Western Australian Fleet.
As well as support of the IYFR Executive Committee (EC)"

The presentation night was held on 11th Sept. 2026.
The IYFR Area 3, induction of PFC Murray McNally as (RC) Region Commodore AUSTRALIA was officiated at the IYFR South West Western Australia Fleet's first, reconvened, IYFR Fleet meeting that was held at the Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club, (MOFSC) https://mofsc.com.au







Fleet Commodore Warren Blay, jointly with Fleet Vice Commodore Mark Bone, presented the RC Australia shoulder epaulettes and also the IC Carlo d'Amore approved RC appointment certificate. Certificates for RVC Don Ripper of the Gippsland Lakes Fleet, Victoria and RVC John Henderson of the Gold Coast Fleet, Queensland were also shown. Present at the Fleet meeting were 20 members and a guest, past fleet member Glenda Lingard. The Fleet has a possible 34 members now.

There are some great plans for activities the Bridge are considering, some in conjunction with Rotary Club projects as "Friends of Rotary", the MOFSC and the Royal Australian Navy staff. RAN Commander Nick Carter is a member of the IYFR Fleet. As is the General manager of MOFSC FRC Andre' Timmermanis.

Burgees shown in photograph, include some of the past Western Australian (WA) Fleet.

Our plan now is to raise awareness of IYFR in Australia to regrow membership and possible new fleets.









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THE IYFR SQUADRON LAKE CONSTANCE OF FLEET GERMANY SOUTH

By Veit Zimmermmann

"Am ersten Septemberwochenende veranstaltete das Squadron Lake Constance - zwar mit nur wenigen Schiffen - nichtsdestotrotz erfolgreich - die 1. IYFR Bodensee Regatta der Flotte Süd. Am Samstag und Sonntag fand jeweils eine Wettfahrt, bei stürmischen 1-4 Windstärken (Fotos), statt. Die anfangs geplante Bodensee-Rundfahrt konnte auf Grund des extrem niedrigen Wasserstandes des Bodensees so nicht stattfinden. Die Yachten kehrten abends wieder in den „Heimathafen“ Ultramarin zurück. Dennoch konnte der Cup ausgesegelt werden - dabei hatten alle ihren Spaß. Als Tool wurde erstmals die Regattahero-App genutzt. Gesamtsieger wurde vom RC Memmingen Michael Voigtsberger mit Sohn Luis und Vorschoben Christian Vad, ebenfalls RC Memmingen. Die gecharterten Bavaria 32, geschippert durch Veit Zimmermann, RC Marktoberdorf, und Jörg Schieben, RC München Freiheit, kamen auf die Plätze zwei und drei. Abgerundet hat das Wochenende bei sommerlichen Temperaturen ein toller Vortrag durch Jens Kromer, Vorstand des gemeinnützigen Vereins Turning Point. Der Verein berät Segelclubs inklusive Segeln anzubieten - deutschlandweit. Im nächsten Jahr soll erneut ein rotarisches Regattasegeln am Bodensee stattfinden - Fragen an captain@iyfr-bodensee.org."







THE IYFR SQUADRON LAKE CONSTANCE OF FLEET GERMANY SOUTH

"On the first weekend of September, the IYFR Squadron Lake Constance successfully hosted the 1st IYFR Lake Constance Regatta of the German South Fleet, albeit with a small fleet. Races were held on both Saturday and Sunday in gusty winds (Force 1–4 - see the pictures). Due to extremely low water levels on Lake Constance, the originally planned program could not be carried out as intended; however, the yachts returned to their "home port" at Ultramarin each evening. Despite the adjustments, the regatta was successfully completed, and everyone involved had a great time. The „Regattahero"-App was used for this event for the first time. The overall winners were Michael Voigtsberger (RC Memmingen) with his son Luis and foredeck hand Christian Vad (also RC Memmingen). The chartered Bavaria 32s, skippered by Veit Zimmermann (RC Marktoberdorf) and Jörg Schieben (RC München Freiheit), took second and third place. The weekend, enjoyed in summery temperatures, was rounded off by an excellent presentation from Jens Kromer, head of the non-profit organization "Turning Point," which advises sailing clubs across Germany on how to incorporate inclusive sailing activities into their programs. Another Rotary regatta is planned for Lake Constance next year; inquiries can be sent to captain@iyfr-bodensee.org."









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CONVIVENCIA DE LA FLOTA IYFR SURESTE DE ESPAÑA EN TABARCA

By Marian Domenech

El pasado 1 de agosto, la Flota Sureste de España de IYFR celebró, un año más, su tradicional encuentro de convivencia en la Isla de Tabarca, una jornada que se ha convertido en una de las citas más esperadas por nuestros Mariners.

La travesía hasta Tabarca fue una magnífica ocasión para disfrutar del mar y, sobre todo, para compartir los valores que nos unen: amistad, compañerismo y pasión por la navegación. Una vez en la isla, los Mariners disfrutaron de un agradable encuentro, compartiendo mesa, conversación y buenos momentos en un ambiente de auténtica camaradería.

Este año tuvimos el gran honor de contar con la presencia del Comodoro Internacional Carlo d'Amore, cuya participación supuso un especial motivo de orgullo para todos los miembros de nuestra Flota.

Junto a él participaron el Comodoro de la Flota Sureste, José Barberá, el Comodoro Regional de Iberia, Antonio Serrano, y la Oficial de Puente de Mando Internacional, Marian Domenech, así como numerosos armadores y





Mariners, que disfrutaron de una magnífica travesía y de una entrañable jornada de convivencia.

Una vez más, la Isla de Tabarca fue el escenario perfecto para celebrar aquello que define a IYFR: nuestra amistad, nuestro compañerismo y nuestro amor por el mar.









SOUTHEAST SPAIN FLEET GATHERING IN TABARCA

On August 1st, the IYFR Southeastern Spain Fleet held, once again, its traditional gathering on the Island of Tabarca, an event that has become one of the most eagerly awaited dates in the Mariners' calendar.

The journey to Tabarca was a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the sea and, above all, to share the values that unite us: friendship, fellowship and a passion for sailing. Once on the island, the Mariners enjoyed a pleasant gathering, sharing lunch, conversation and memorable moments in a truly warm and friendly atmosphere.



This year, we had the great honour of welcoming International Commodore Carlo d'Amore, whose presence was a particular source of pride for all the members of our Fleet.

Joining him were Southeastern Spain Fleet Commodore José Barberá, Regional Commodore for Iberia Antonio Serrano, and International Bridge Officer Marian Domenech, together with numerous boat owners and Mariners, who enjoyed a wonderful crossing and a memorable day of fellowship.

Once again, the Island of Tabarca provided the perfect setting to celebrate what defines IYFR: our friendship, our fellowship and our love of the sea.



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CAMBIO DE PUENTE DE MANDO DEL IYFR BARCELONA

By Ramon Vila

Asamblea Rotary Mariners Barcelona 18/09/2026.

Rotary Mariners Barcelona ha realizado el viernes 18 de septiembre su correspondiente Asamblea anual con, entre otros, la incorporación de nuevos Mariners, la aprobación del estado de cuentas y el cambio de cargos del Puente de Mando.

Puente de Mando 2026-2028.

- Commodoro of the Fleet, Ramon Vila
- Vice-Commodoro of the Fleet, César Mateos
- Rear-Commodoro of the Fleet, Josep M. Albouy
- Secretary of the Fleet, Carmen Omonte
- Web Master of the Fleet, Carmen Omonte & Ramon Vila
- Treasurer of the Fleet, Jordi Gispert
- Macero: Francesc Xavier Altarriba
- Past Commodoro of the Fleet, Rosmarie Cammany

Rotary Mariners Barcelona
Flota Iberia









CHANGE OF COMMAND BRIDGE OF THE IYFR BARCELONA

Rotary Mariners Barcelona Assembly – September 18, 2026.

On Friday, September 18, Rotary Mariners Barcelona held its annual assembly, featuring among other items the induction of new Mariners, the approval of the financial statements, and a change of officers on the Bridge.
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IYFR BARCELONA - PROCESIÓN MARINERA DE LA VIRGEN DEL CARMEN

By Ramon Vila

Procesión marinera de la Virgen del Carmen en el Port de Barcelona y salida al mar en el velero Gymir organizado por Rotary Mariners Barcelona y Rotary Club Barcelona Mar, realizada el sábado 18 de junio 2026 desde el Real Club Náutico, contribuyendo al Proyecto Solidario "Alma Cancer Trust" orientado a niños de entre 8 y 24 años que han superado un cáncer.
Todo nuestro apoyo, afecto y reconocimiento de su gran labor.
Rotary Mariners Barcelona







MARITIME PROCESSION OF THE VIRGIN OF CARMEN

*Maritime procession of the Virgin of Carmen in the Port of Barcelona and a voyage out to sea aboard the sailboat *Gymir* organized by Rotary Mariners Barcelona and Rotary Club Barcelona Mar, held on Saturday, June 18, 2026, departing from the Real Club Náutico. The event supports the "Alma Cancer Trust" charity project, which is dedicated to young people aged 8 to 24 who have overcome cancer.*
We offer our full support, affection, and recognition of their outstanding work.
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Η ΠΡΕΒΕΖΑ ΣΤΟ ΕΠΙΚΕΝΤΡΟ ΜΙΑΣ ΣΗΜΑΝΤΙΚΗΣ ΔΙΕΘΝΟΥΣ ΡΟΤΑΡΙΑΝΗΣ ΣΥΝΑΝΤΗΣΗΣ

By Aris Zachos

Με την αναχώρηση από το Άκτιο και των τελευταίων συμμετεχόντων των διεθνών αντιπροσωπειών, ολοκληρώθηκε στην Πρέβεζα ένα ιδιαίτερα σημαντικό τετραήμερο, καθοριστικό στη διαχρονική πορεία του Ροταριανού Ομίλου Πρεβέζης και, κυρίως, του Ελληνικού Στόλου Ιονίου της Ροταριανής Συναδελφώσεως για το Γιώτινγκ και την Θαλάσσια Αναψυχή (IYFR), ο οποίος έχει την βάση του στην Πρέβεζα.

Η διοργάνωση "IYFR REGIONAL GREECE & ISRAEL AGM - PREVEZA, GREECE | 18-20 SEPTEMBER 2026 - FLEET FELLOWSHIP EXCHANGE" πραγματοποιήθηκε από τον Ελληνικό Στόλο Ιονίου - IYFR και τον Ροταριανό Όμιλο Πρεβέζης, φέρνοντας στην πόλη μας Ροταριανούς και μέλη του IYFR από διαφορετικές χώρες.

Στο πλαίσιο της συνάντησης εκπροσωπήθηκαν οι Στόλοι της Ελλάδος και του Ισραήλ, ενώ συμμετείχαν επίσης αντιπροσωπείες και φίλοι από τη Γερμανία και την



Ουκρανία. Ιδιαίτερη ήταν η παρουσία της Past IYFR Area 1 Commodore Olha Paliychuk, η οποία συνέβαλε ουσιαστικά στην ανάπτυξη της συνεργασίας και της συναδελφώσεως μεταξύ των Στόλων της περιοχής.

Το πρόγραμμα συνδύασε τις εργασίες της Περιφερειακής Συνάντησης και την ανταλλαγή εμπειριών μεταξύ των Στόλων με δράσεις γνωριμίας με την Πρέβεζα και την ευρύτερη περιοχή.





Οι συμμετέχοντες περιηγήθηκαν στην πόλη, γνώρισαν τον Αμβρακικό Κόλπο από τη θάλασσα και είχαν την ευκαιρία να επισκεφθούν σημαντικούς ιστορικούς και φυσικούς προορισμούς, όπως την Αρχαία Νικόπολη, το Νεκρομαντείο, τον Αχέροντα, την Αμμουδιά και την Πάργα.
Πέρα από το επίσημο πρόγραμμα, η διοργάνωση ανέδειξε στην πράξη τις αξίες που συνδέουν το Rotary και το IYFR: φιλία, συναδέλφωση, διεθνή συνεργασία, προσφορά και αγάπη για τη θάλασσα. Η άμεση επαφή των συμμετεχόντων, οι κοινές εμπειρίες και η φιλοξενία στην Πρέβεζα δημιούργησαν τις προϋποθέσεις για νέες συνεργασίες και μελλοντικές κοινές δράσεις.





Ο Ροταριανός Όμιλος Πρεβέζης και ο Ελληνικός Στόλος Ιονίου εκφράζουν θερμές ευχαριστίες προς όλους όσοι ταξίδεψαν στην Πρέβεζα και τίμησαν με την παρουσία τους τη διοργάνωση, καθώς και προς όλους όσοι συνέβαλαν στην προετοιμασία και την επιτυχή πραγματοποίησή της.
Η Πρέβεζα απέδειξε για ακόμη μία φορά ότι μπορεί να αποτελεί σημείο συνάντησης ανθρώπων, πολιτισμών και ιδεών - με τη θάλασσα να ενώνει και τη φιλία να δημιουργεί δεσμούς που διαρκούν.

Ροταριανός Όμιλος Πρεβέζης
Ελληνικός Στόλος Ιονίου - IYFR



PREVEZA AT THE HEART OF AN IMPORTANT

INTERNATIONAL ROTARY GATHERING IYFR REGIONAL GREECE & ISRAEL AGM PREVEZA, GREECE | 18-20 SEPTEMBER 2026 FLEET FELLOWSHIP EXCHANGE

With the departure from Aktion Airport of the last participants from the international delegations, a particularly significant four-day gathering in Preveza came to a close. It marked an important milestone in the continuing journey of the Rotary Club of Preveza and, above all, of the Hellenic Ionian Fleet of the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians (IYFR), which is based in Preveza.

The event, "IYFR REGIONAL GREECE & ISRAEL AGM - PREVEZA, GREECE | 18-20 SEPTEMBER 2026 - FLEET FELLOWSHIP EXCHANGE", was organized by the Hellenic Ionian Fleet - IYFR and the Rotary Club of Preveza, bringing Rotarians and IYFR members from several countries to our city.

The Fleets of Greece and Israel were represented at the meeting, while delegations and friends from Germany and Ukraine also took part.

The presence of Past IYFR Area 1 Commodore Olha Paliychuk was especially significant; she has contributed substantially to strengthening cooperation and fellowship among the Fleets of the region.

The programme combined the proceedings of the Regional Meeting and the exchange of experience among the Fleets with activities introducing participants to Preveza and the wider area. Guests toured the city, experienced the Amvrakikos Gulf from the sea, and had the opportunity to visit important historical and natural destinations, including Ancient Nicopolis, the Necromanteion, the Acheron River, Ammoudia and Parga.

Beyond the official programme, the event demonstrated in practice the values that unite Rotary and IYFR: friendship, fellowship, international cooperation, service and a shared love of the sea. Personal contact among participants, shared experiences and the hospitality offered in Preveza created a strong foundation for new partnerships and future joint activities.

The Rotary Club of Preveza and the Hellenic Ionian Fleet extend their warmest thanks to everyone who travelled to Preveza and honoured the event with their presence, as well as to all those who contributed to its preparation and successful realization.

Once again, Preveza proved that it can be a meeting point for people, cultures and ideas - with the sea bringing people together and friendship creating bonds that endure.

Rotary Club of Preveza
Hellenic Ionian Fleet - IYFR



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UPDATED FIX October 2026

by PIC Sergio Santi

PFW Coordinator

IYFR is being engaged since many years in the Plastic Free Waters Operation. We are trying to reduce the amount of plastic/waste that is dumped daily into the rivers, lakes, seas and oceans of the Planet.

Studies at any level have demonstrated that once entered into the rivers and, from the rivers into the seas, it is impossible to catch back and recover the plastic garbage that ignorant and careless individuals have thrown aside and not correctly disposed of.

It is a question of culture: the problem will not be solved until people realize that the sea begins at the nearest storm drain. This is our task CREATE AWARENESS.



But how can this truth be conveyed, and this necessity understood, by people struggling with food, housing, and drinking water issues? In a word: survival. That is the main problem they face every day and this is the challenge that we, in our turn, must face in particular circumstances.

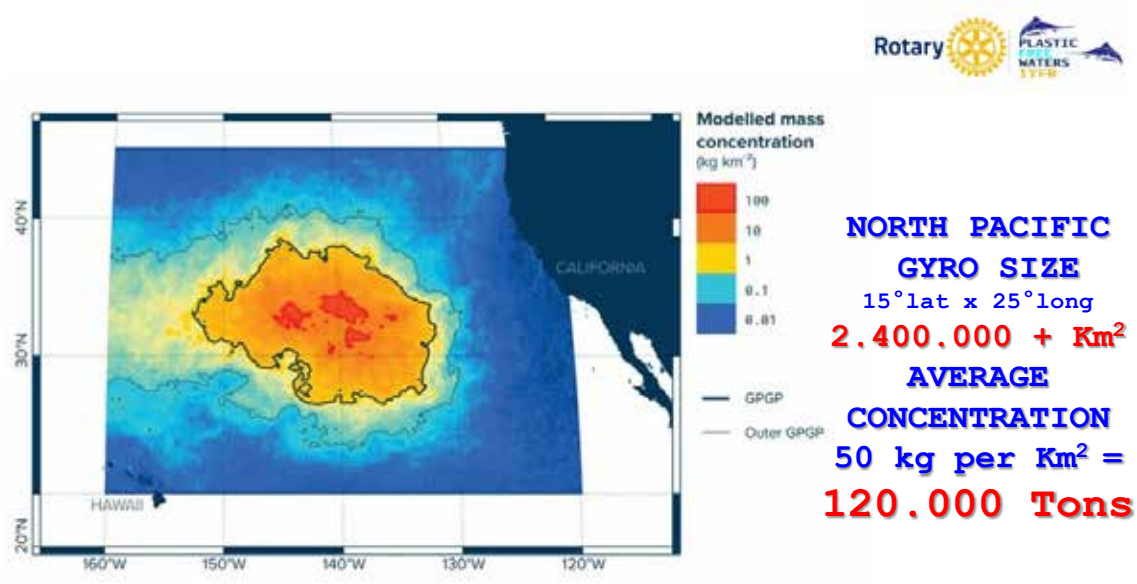
The “MISSION”, we are engaged in, both as Mariners and Rotarians, is to try and have our voices spread all over the World by Rotary especially in those places where those poor People do not even know what a

yacht is and whose Governors loose very little time to explain what does “proper waste collection” means.



In the last fifty years the Humans have produced millions of polluted cubic miles of waters to be cleaned, not taking into account the sea, lakes and rivers beds where this garbage is already a deadly suffocating carpet.

It would take hundreds of years, hundreds of dedicated vessels, (=tons of fuel consumed and tons of CO2 pumped into an already polluted atmosphere) and thousands of operators, to clear only the surface portion of the 5 gyros where this garbage is concentrated thanks to the effect of the currents and the prevailing winds.



This is really a MISSION IMPOSSIBLE; the only solution is STOP POLLUTING.

In other words, DO ANY EFFORT TO CREATE AWARENESS in any possible way. Better if we find the way to get different People from different



Countries feel linked together in this world fight against the suffocating plastic garbage.

For these reasons we are engaged in talking/lectures from the first and medium classes to the high Schools classes around the places where our voluntary PFW Commodores and Mariners live and with our parent Clubs and Districts to spread the voice where we cannot reach.

Before Christmas the PFW Team will be reorganized, always on a voluntary basis, and a revised program/agenda will be discussed and established by the new Team.

Massa, October 01 2026

the IYFR Op Plastic Free Waters Coordinator

PIC Sergio Santi

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Rotary
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INTERNATIONAL YACHTING
FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIANS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2027
BARCELONA, SPAIN
June 28 - 30, 2027
MONDAY, JUNE 28:
Meet & Greet
TUESDAY, JUNE 29:
AGM & Gala Dinner
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30:
Catamaran Cruise & Closing
Commemorative Gift Scarf
Each attendee receives a unique commemorative scarf

THIS IS A SAVE THE DATE DOCUMENT, IT IS MEANT TO GIVE YOU A PRELIMINARY IDEA OF THE IYFR AGM EVENTS THAT WIIL BE TAKING PLACE IN JUNE – JULY 2027 FROM THE 06/28 TO THE 06/30, IN BARCELONA – SPAIN during THE ROTARY CONVENTION.

THIS IS STILL A DRAFT BUT WILL ALLOW YOU TO ESTABLISH THE APPROXIMATE COST (WHEN AVAILABLE) OF THE SINGLE EVENTS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING. AS YOU MAY IMAGINE IT IS NOT BEING EASY TO FIND THE ADEQUATE POSSIBLE ACCOMODATIONS BUT THE BARCELONA FLEET, THE IBERIA REGION AND THE ORGANIZERS ARE DOING THEIR BEST.

GENERAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 26/6/2027

- RI Convention Attendance and/or independent sightseeing and lunch
- HOF IYFR Booth

SUNDAY 27/6/ 2027

- RI Convention Attendance or independent sightseeing and lunch
- HOF open, independent lunch at the HOF
- Evening FREE

MONDAY 28/06/2027 IYFR Program Starts here

- HOF
- Independent sightseeing or VISIT of the PUEBLO ESPANOL
- Meet & Greet, Habanera Concert. Casual, Min 100 pax @ 50,00 € (approx)

TUESDAY 29/06/2027

- Morning FREE
- Afternoon IYFR AGM OFFICE at the REAL CLUB NAUTICO DE BARCELONA. Tropical white long no tie
- Evening GALA DINNER at the REAL CLUB NAUTICO DE BARCELONA, CHANGE OF COMMAND Max 161 pax Approx cost 50,00€ pp Blue blazer and tie, white trousers

WEDNESDAY 30/06/2027

- PCC Some 4 hours at sea on a huge catamaran min 100 pax cost 60,00€ pp
- Alternative: free sightseeing
- Afternoon: FREE
- Dinner and concert featuring Latin American music at a Yacht Club venue in Barcelona. Dancing and networking, max capacity of 300 people (in case Rotarians attending the Convention join the party). Cost to be still agreed upon.

REGISTRATION FEE 75,00 € pp
Upon collection of credentials and tickets for paid events a souvenir of the AGM will be given

PIC Sergio Santi, CoS

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Rotary
INTERNATIONAL YACHTING FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIANS
IYFR
SAVE THE DATE
IYFR AREA 1 AGM 2027
ORGANIZED BY THE IYFR AREA 1, THE IYFR NAPOLI FLEET AND THE ITALY REGION
WITH THE PARTICIPATION AND ATTENDANCE OF A.E.R.A.
GULF OF NAPLES 18 - 21 JUNE 2027

NOTICE TO MARINERS N°2 DATED OCTOBER 12 2026

THIS IS ONLY A SAVE THE DATE DOCUMENT, IT IS MEANT TO GIVE YOU A PRELIMINARY IDEA OF THE IYFR AREA 1 AGM EVENTS THAT WIIL BE TAKING PLACE IN JUNE 18 – 21 IN THE BAY OF NAPOLI (ITALY), WHERE, IN THE SAME DAYS, THE FINAL REGATTAS FOR THE LOUIS VUITTON CUP WILL BE DISPUTED.

THE AMERICA'S CUP RACES WILL BE IN AUGUST, WHEN THE ACCOMODATIONS PROBLEM FOR THE VISITORS, WILL BE STILL MORE DIFFICULT TO SOLVE THAN IN THE ACTUAL SITUATION. INFACT IT IS ALREADY IMPOSSIBLE TO BOOK FOR THE MEETING DAYS SOME 50-60 ROOMS, ALL IN THE SAME HOTEL.

THE ORGANIZERS ARE THE FLEET OF ITALY SW NAPLES, THE ITALY IYFR REGION AND A ROTARIAN'S SPECIALIZED IN THIS PECULIAR SECTOR, ROMAN COMPANY. ALL COORDINATED BY THE AREA 1 ACTING COMMODORE.

THE ACTIVITIES OF MEETING (EXCEPT FOR THE AGM OFFICE) WILL BE ATTENDED BY A GROUP OF A.E.R.A. (ROTARIAN EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT) REPRESENTANTS.

EVEN IF A DRAFT, THIS NOTICE WILL ALLOW YOU TO ESTABLISH THE APPROXIMATE COST (WHEN AVAILABLE) OF THE EVENTS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING. THE ORGANIZERS ARE DOING THEIR BEST.

GENERAL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 18/6/2027

- All the day: Officers, Mariners, A.E.R.A. Friends, and their guest's arrival, Hotel accommodation individually or in groups as per the booking (Naples' centre 170,00€ min per night if booked "early bird" though IYFR, around 180-250 for those individually and independently booked). In the next communications to the Area Commodores to spread the voice, the Hotel possibility/cost per night.
- Evening, Neapolitan Pizza (still) TBC Approx Cost 35,00 € (max 30 pax per Pizza Restaurant). Casual. Fellowship identification (Pin, polo, shirt, cap etc) welcome. Booked Participants will be indicated where to go according to their Hotels location.

SATURDAY 19/6/ 2027

- Independent sightseeing or PROGRAMMED VISITS. Independent lunch.
- Noon-afternoon: LOUIS VUITTON CUP FINALS attendance. Free from the seafront promenade (place to be reached by taxi or on foot, by 11.00 AM) or on board of vessels that have to be booked in advance. At the moment the cost is some 350,00 € pp. IYFR is investigating for cheaper solutions.
- Evening: MEET & GREET. Location will be decided in accordance with the booking numbers. Casual. Fellowship identification, welcome. Cost, circa 35,00 € pp.

SUNDAY 20/06/2027

- Morning FREE
- Noon-afternoon: LOUIS VUITTON CUP FINALS attendance. Same recommendations as per Saturday
- Afternoon at 1700 IYFR AGM OFFICE at a venue to be decided. Dress code: Tropical white long, no tie. AERA will have their Conference in another venue/room.
- Evening GALA DINNER possibly in the same venue as the AGM OFFICE Max 1501 pax Approx cost 60.00€ pp DC: Blue blazer and tie, white trousers

MONDAY 21/06/2027

- Farewell lunch in venue to be decided cost around 40,00€ pp
- Noon-afternoon: LOUIS VUITTON CUP FINALS attendance. Same recommendations as per Saturday and Sunday
- Afternoon: FREE TO LEAVE!

Upon collection of credentials and tickets for paid events a souvenir of the AGM will be given. REGISTRATION FEE € 75,00 pp

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SESIÓN DE LA FLOTA NÁUTICA CANCÚN OCEAN AND SAND

By Joaquin Sanchis

Con fecha 6 de julio del 2026, en un marco de camaradería, amistad y entusiasmo rotario, se celebró sesión extraordinaria de esta Flota para llevar a cabo la ceremonia de imposición de grado al compañero rotanauta Guillermo Galindo.

Ante los mariners reunidos y con la distinguida presencia de nuestro Vicecomodoro de Área 2, Alfonso Bolio, se procedió a imponer los galones correspondientes a las dos estrellas que lo acreditan como Vicecomodoro de la Flota Náutica Cancún Ocean and Sand México, de manos del Comodoro Joaquín Sanchis.



Felicitamos con gran orgullo al Vicecomodoro Guillermo Galindo y le deseamos el mayor de los éxitos en esta nueva encomienda, confiando en que continuará desempeñándose con el entusiasmo y la entrega que lo caracterizan, siempre bajo los ideales del Rotarismo.



CANCÚN OCEAN AND SAND NAUTICAL FLEET SESSION

On July 6, 2026, in a setting of camaraderie, friendship, and Rotary enthusiasm, an extraordinary session of this Fleet was held to carry out the rank-bestowing ceremony for our fellow Rotanaut Guillermo Galindo.
In front of the gathered mariners and with the distinguished presence of our Area 2 Vice Commodore, Alfonso Bolio, the corresponding insignia for the two stars accrediting him as Vice Commodore of the Cancún Ocean and Sand Nautical Fleet Mexico was bestowed by Commodore Joaquín Sanchis.
We proudly congratulate Vice Commodore Guillermo Galindo and wish him the greatest success in this new role, trusting that he will continue to serve with the enthusiasm and dedication that characterize him, always upholding the ideals of Rotary.



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VIENTOS DE FRATERNIDAD: EL CAMBIO DE MANDO EN LA IYFR FLOTA IQUIQUE

By Horacio Andrade

El pasado **1 de agosto de 2026**, la emblemática Casa del Rotary Club de Iquique se vistió de gala para escribir un nuevo capítulo en la bitácora de la amistad. Bajo el marco del tradicional cambio de mando de la Flota Iquique de la *International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians* (IYFR), la mística marinera y el profundo espíritu de servicio se entrelazaron en una velada inolvidable.

Engalanados con nuestros impecables uniformes de los Rotanautas, cerca de una veintena de compañeros e invitados nos dimos cita para testimoniar el traspaso del timón. La ceremonia alcanzó su momento cumbre cuando la rotaria **Edith García Marrón** asumió oficialmente el liderazgo como nueva **Comodoro de Flota**, lista para guiar la embarcación con entusiasmo, templanza y la promesa de seguir navegando hacia nuevos horizontes de compañerismo.





La velada contó además con un significativo matiz de distinción gracias a la presencia del **Contraalmirante Fernando Méndez**, quien asistió acompañado de su esposa. En un emotivo gesto de gratitud y hermandad institucional, se le hizo entrega de un ejemplar del libro conmemorativo de los **100 años de la historia de Rotary en Chile**; una obra que no solo sintetiza un siglo de vocación social en nuestro país, sino que simboliza el puente indestructible entre la tradición naval y el ideal rotario, lo que destacó el invitado de honor.

Tras el rigor protocolar, la jornada dio paso a la calidez de un exquisito cóctel y una amena cena. Con el avanzar de la noche, la solemnidad inicial cedió la posta a una alegría desbordante: el karaoke hizo su entrada triunfal y las risas y canciones se prolongaron hasta bien entrada la madrugada. Entre anécdotas, aplausos y copas brindadas, se respiró ese ambiente puro de camaradería que solo las verdaderas fraternidades saben cultivar.



Iniciar esta nueva travesía con la Comodoro Edith García Marrón al mando nos llena de orgullo y convicción. La noche del sábado 1 de agosto demostró que, más allá de los pabellones y las insignias, la Flota Iquique navega firme, unida por el afecto sincero y la pasión inquebrantable por servir.

¡Vientos favorables y buena mar para la nueva gestión!



WINDS OF FRATERNITY: THE CHANGE OF COMMAND IN THE IYFR IQUIQUE FLEET

*On **August 1, 2026**, the emblematic Rotary Club of Iquique House was dressed in its finest to write a new chapter in the logbook of friendship. Within the framework of the traditional change of command ceremony of the **Iquique Fleet of the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians** (IYFR), the spirit of the sea and a deep commitment to service came together in an unforgettable evening.*



*Dressed in our impeccable Rotanaut uniforms, nearly twenty members and guests gathered to witness the passing of the helm. The ceremony reached its high point when Rotarian **Edith García Marrón** officially assumed leadership as the new **Fleet Commodore**, ready to guide the vessel with enthusiasm and wisdom, and with the promise of continuing to sail toward new horizons of fellowship.*

*The evening was further distinguished by the presence of **Rear Admiral Fernando Méndez**, who attended with his wife.*

*In a moving gesture of gratitude and institutional fellowship, he was presented with a copy of the commemorative book celebrating the **100-year history of Rotary in Chile**. The book not only chronicles a century of social commitment in the country, but also symbolizes the enduring bridge between naval tradition and the Rotary ideal, as highlighted by the guest of honor.*

Following the formal ceremony, the evening continued with a delightful cocktail reception and dinner. As the night progressed, the initial solemnity gave way to an atmosphere of great joy: karaoke made its triumphant entrance, and laughter and singing continued well into the early hours of the morning. Amid stories, applause, and raised glasses, the evening was filled with the genuine spirit of fellowship that only true fraternities can cultivate.

*Beginning this new voyage with **Commodore Edith García Marrón** at the helm fills us with pride and confidence. The evening of **Saturday, August 1**, demonstrated that, beyond flags and insignia, the **Iquique Fleet** sails steadily forward, united by sincere friendship and an unwavering passion for service.*

Fair winds and following seas to the new administration!





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ENTRE BARCOS, HISTORIAS Y AMISTAD:
LA FLOTA IYFR MONTEVIDEO SE REUNIÓ EN ADES

Por Lil Torres

La Flota Montevideo de la International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians (IYFR) volvió a reunir a sus integrantes, rotarios, invitados y amigos en un encuentro especial donde la pasión por el mundo náutico se combinó con historias de solidaridad, servicio y amistad.

El pasado **29 de agosto**, las instalaciones de la **Asociación Honoraria de Salvamentos Marítimos y Fluviales del Uruguay (ADES)** fueron el escenario de una memorable jornada de compañerismo. Los participantes tuvieron la oportunidad de conocer más de cerca la importante labor que desarrolla esta institución y, al mismo tiempo, disfrutar - como es tradicional dentro de la familia IYFR - de un cálido ambiente de amistad y camaradería inspirado por el mar.

El encuentro fue organizado por el actual **Bridge de la Flota Montevideo**, integrado por **Lil Torres, Commodore; Mariana Gavidia, Vice Commodore**; y Carina Camera, Rear Commodore, con el objetivo de generar una nueva oportunidad de encuentro, integración y fortalecimiento de los vínculos que unen a los integrantes de la Flota y a la comunidad rotaria.

A lo largo de la jornada, los participantes compartieron experiencias vinculadas con las actividades náuticas y escucharon relatos sobre accidentes, operativos de asistencia y misiones de rescate llevados a cabo por ADES. Estas historias permitieron conocer más de cerca el compromiso, el valor y la dedicación de quienes participan en las operaciones de salvamento marítimo y fluvial.

Más allá de los conocimientos y experiencias compartidos, el encuentro volvió a poner de manifiesto uno de los valores esenciales de IYFR: la amistad que nace del amor por el mar y se fortalece a través del servicio y el compañerismo.

La jornada continuó con un almuerzo compartido, que brindó un ambiente distendido para continuar las conversaciones, intercambiar anécdotas y fortalecer los lazos entre los integrantes de la Flota, rotarios y los numerosos invitados que se sumaron a esta celebración de la amistad.



Entre los asistentes se encontraban Carlos Mario Salvadori, de la Flota Montevideo; Carlos Buceta y Adriana de Buceta; Cinzia Frigo y Alberto Cheker, del Rotary Club Obelisco; Gonzalo Downet, del Rotary Club Trade Center; Adriana Piriz, del Rotary Club Paso Molino; Hivell Luján Leal, de ADES; Enrique Montemar, periodista internacional; Claudia Rossi, del Rotary Club Montevideo; Nancy Paganini, del Club de Leones Malvín; y Michel Visillac y Pamela Alciaturi, del Rotary Club Punta Gorda.



Este encuentro fue una nueva muestra del espíritu que inspira a la Flota Montevideo: crear espacios donde la navegación, la amistad y el servicio se unen, generando nuevas oportunidades para compartir experiencias y fortalecer los vínculos entre sus integrantes, la familia rotaria y los amigos de la organización.

Porque en IYFR, cada encuentro es mucho más que una reunión: es una nueva oportunidad para navegar juntos, compartir historias y seguir construyendo amistades más allá de las fronteras.

BETWEEN BOATS, STORIES AND FRIENDSHIP:

MONTEVIDEO FLEET MEETS AT ADES

The Montevideo Fleet of the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians (IYFR) once again brought together its members, Rotarians, guests, and friends for a special gathering where a passion for the nautical world was combined with stories of solidarity, service, and friendship.

On August 29, the facilities of the Honorary Association of Maritime and River Rescue of Uruguay (ADES) provided the setting for a memorable fellowship gathering. Participants had the opportunity to learn more about the important work carried out by this institution while, as is customary within the IYFR family, enjoying a warm atmosphere of friendship and camaraderie inspired by the sea.

The event was organized by the current Bridge of the Montevideo Fleet, composed of Lil Torres, Commodore; Mariana Gavidia, Vice Commodore; and Carina Camera, Rear Commodore, with the aim of creating a new opportunity for fellowship, integration, and strengthening the bonds that unite Fleet members and the wider Rotary community.

Throughout the day, participants shared experiences related to nautical activities and listened to accounts of accidents, assistance operations, and rescue missions carried out by ADES. These stories offered a closer look at the commitment, courage, and dedication of those involved in maritime and river rescue operations.



Beyond the knowledge and experiences shared, the gathering once again highlighted one of the essential values of IYFR: friendship born from a love of the sea and strengthened through service and fellowship.

The day continued with a shared lunch, providing a relaxed setting where conversations could continue, anecdotes could be exchanged, and friendships could grow stronger among Fleet members, Rotarians, and the many guests who joined this celebration of fellowship.

Among those attending were Carlos Mario Salvadori, of the Montevideo Fleet; Carlos Buceta and Adriana de Buceta; Cinzia Frigo and Alberto Cheker, of the Rotary Club Obelisco; Gonzalo Downet, of the Rotary Club Trade Center; Adriana Piriz, of the Rotary Club Paso Molino; Hivell Luján Leal, of ADES; Enrique Montemar, international journalist; Claudia Rossi, of the Rotary Club Montevideo; Nancy Paganini, of the Malvín Lions Club; and Michel Visillac and Pamela Alciaturi, of the Rotary Club Punta Gorda.

This gathering was yet another example of the spirit that inspires the Montevideo Fleet: creating opportunities where sailing, friendship, and service come together, generating new occasions to share experiences and strengthen the bonds among its members, the Rotary family, and friends of the organization.

Because in IYFR, every gathering is much more than a meeting: it is another opportunity to sail together, share stories, and continue building friendships beyond borders.







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IYFR FLOTA PUNTA DEL ESTE

by Ricardo Aguerre

ACTIVIDADES
El 31 de julio del presente año el nuevo puente de la Flota Punta del Este realizó su primera actividad formal. Fue una reunión informativa sobre la agrupación IYFR en general y la Flota Punta del Este en particular, dirigida a personas interesadas en la Flota, y potenciales nuevos miembros de la agrupación.



En una agradable reunión, realizada en un restaurant frente al mar en Punta del Este, el Comodoro de la Flota expuso sobre las agrupaciones rotarias, y su objetivo de reunir rotarios con intereses comunes, a fin de estimular la comprensión mundial a través de la amistad y el compañerismo.

Historió la creación de la IYFR, su estructura global y su distribución en tres áreas de cobertura mundial. Luego hablo sobre la creación de la Flota Punta del Este en 2012, y sus programas insignia: la náutico terapia, por la cual, durante los meses de verano, se lleva a dar un pequeño paseo en bote por la bahía de Maldonado a personas con discapacidades motrices o cognitivas, y el programa de Aguas libres de Plástico.

Mostró videos sobre las diferentes maneras de disfrutar de la amistad y encuentro entre miembros, como ser los encuentros anuales (Annual General Meetings, o AGMs) y los cruceros post convención (PCCs) que se realizan una vez finalizadas las convenciones anuales de Rotary International.

Se puso especial énfasis en la organización del próximo AGM, a realizarse en abril de 2027 en Punta del Este, que será responsabilidad de nuestra Flota.





Se mencionaron las subvenciones otorgadas por IYFR, una de las cuales nuestra Flota tuvo el orgullo de recibir en 2024.

Se mostró la nueva pagina web de la Flota, que puede verse en ***www.flotapuntadeleste-iyfr.com***

Se mostró la nueva biblioteca de libros náuticos, disponibles para préstamo a los rotanautas. Se solicita también a los socios contribuir a la misma, ya sea con donaciones o prestamos de libros para enriquecer el acervo bibliográfico de la misma.

Finalmente, se abrió un espacio de preguntas y respuestas, donde los asistentes pudieron presentar sus inquietudes y comentarios.

Fue una linda velada, con abundante información, rica comida frente al mar, que nos permitió seguir construyendo amistades en la agrupación, y estimulando la incorporación de nuevos socios.



IYFR PUNTA DEL ESTE FLEET

ACTIVITIES

On July 31st of this year, the new bridge of the Punta del Este Fleet held its first formal activity.
It was an information meeting about the IYFR in general and the Punta del Este Fleet in particular, aimed at people interested in the Fleet and potential new members.

In a pleasant meeting held at a waterfront restaurant in Punta del Este, the Fleet Commodore spoke about Rotary fellowships and their objective of bringing together Rotarians with common interests to foster global understanding through friendship and fellowship. He recounted the history of the IYFR's creation, its global structure, and its distribution across three areas of worldwide coverage.

He then spoke about the creation of the Punta del Este Fleet in 2012 and its flagship programs: nautical therapy, which, during the summer months, takes people with physical or cognitive disabilities on short boat trips around Maldonado Bay, and the Plastic-Free Waters program.

Videos were shown highlighting the various ways members can enjoy friendship and fellowship, such as Annual General Meetings (AGMs) and Post-Convention Cruises (PCCs) held after the Rotary International annual conventions.



Special emphasis was placed on organizing the next AGM, to be held in April 2027 in Punta del Este, which will be the responsibility of our Fleet.

The grants awarded by IYFR were mentioned, one of which our Fleet was proud to receive in 2024.

The Fleet's new website was presented; it can be viewed at ***www.flotapuntadeleste-iyfr.com***

The new library of nautical books, available for loan to Iforians, was showcased. Members are also encouraged to contribute to the library, either through donations or book loans, to enrich its collection.

Finally, a question-and-answer session was held, where attendees could share their questions and comments. It was a lovely evening, with plenty of information, delicious food by the sea, which allowed us to continue building friendships in the group, and encouraging the incorporation of new members.



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HERMANAMIENTO FLOTA CIUDAD DE LA COSTA (URUGUAY) Y FLOTA DELTA (ARGENTINA)

By Pablo Cichevski

El pasado sábado 22 de agosto tuvo lugar el anhelado encuentro entre nuestras Flotas en la Ciudad de Tigre Rep. Argentina, donde concretamos el Hermanamiento de las mismas.

El compromiso había sido asumido en oportunidad de habernos encontrado en el AGM IQUIQUE 2026, luego aprobado por unanimidad por todos los integrantes de cada Flota. Quedaba pendiente cumplir con el Acto Formal, lo cual ocurrió en la fecha y lugar indicados.

Los 9 representantes de la Flota Ciudad de la Costa fuimos colmados de atenciones ya desde nuestro arribo a Tigre: nos aguardaban la IRC y A2C Miriam Caudullo y el RC Latin America East Osvaldo Galmozzi, quienes durante toda nuestra estadía estuvieron pendientes hasta del más mínimo detalle.



El día de nuestro arribo compartimos almuerzo y cena en destacados lugares a orillas del Río Tigre, oportunidad que fue propicia para intercambiar experiencias de nuestro viaje Montevideo/Tigre y detalles organizativos del Acto del día siguiente.



El Evento tuvo lugar en la residencia de un integrante de Flota Delta, quien nos agasajó con una gastronomía digna de los mejores elogios, acompañada por un Grupo Musical de la Provincia de Salta que despertó las dotes de baile de los presentes.





El Hermanamiento de Flotas cumplió con la formalidad de la firma del Acta correspondiente, y el firme compromiso del FC Ciudad de la Costa Pablo Cichevski y el FC Delta Jorge Pérez de honrar esta nueva etapa de relacionamiento con actividades conjuntas, la primera de las cuales ya se encuentra en etapa de implementación.



Como broche final de nuestra presencia, al día siguiente compartimos una visita al famoso Mercado de Frutos de Tigre y una navegación en catamarán (almuerzo a bordo) por 6 ríos del Delta.

Con pena debimos emprender el regreso a Uruguay, colmados de todo el cariño y atenciones recibidas, que retribuiremos en un próximo encuentro.



SISTER FLEET AGREEMENT BETWEEN CIUDAD DE LA COSTA (URUGUAY) AND DELTA FLEET (ARGENTINA

Last Saturday, August 22nd, the long-awaited meeting between our Fleets took place in the city of Tigre, Argentina, where we formalized our sister fleet agreement.
The commitment had been made during our meeting at AGM Iquique 2026, and was subsequently approved unanimously by all members of each Fleet.
The only remaining step was to complete the formal ceremony, which took place on the date and at the designated location.
The nine representatives of the Ciudad de la Costa Fleet were showered with hospitality from the moment we arrived in Tigre: we were greeted by IRC and A2C Miriam Caudullo and RC Latin America East Osvaldo Galmozzi, who attended to every detail throughout our stay.
On the day of our arrival, we shared lunch and dinner at excellent locations along the banks of the Tigre River, providing an opportunity to exchange experiences from our Montevideo/Tigre trip and discuss organizational details for the following day's event.



The event took place at the residence of a member of Flota Delta, who treated us to a truly exceptional meal, accompanied by a musical group from the Province of Salta that inspired everyone to dance.

The Fleet Sisterhood agreement was formalized with the signing of the corresponding document, and the FC Ciudad de la Costa Pablo Cichevski and FC Delta Jorge Pérez made a firm commitment to honor this new phase of their relationship with joint activities, the first of which is already underway.

As a final touch to our visit, the following day we enjoyed a visit to the famous Tigre Fruit Market and a catamaran cruise (lunch on board) along six rivers of the Delta.

With regret we had to begin our return to Uruguay, filled with all the affection and attention received, which we will reciprocate at a future meeting.



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FLOTA DELTA: 22 AÑOS NAVEGANDO JUNTOS

by Dolores Sagasta

En Tigre, la amistad, la náutica y la tradición rotaria se unieron para celebrar el 22.º aniversario de la Flota Delta y dar la bienvenida a un nuevo Puente.

El 22 de agosto de 2026, en la ciudad de Tigre, la Flota Delta de la IYFR celebró una jornada muy especial: el Cambio de Puente, que coincidió con la celebración de sus 22 años de trayectoria.



Fue una ocasión para despedir y agradecer a Inés Curatella, quien culminó su período como Comodoro 2024–2026, y para dar la bienvenida al nuevo equipo que tendrá a su cargo el rumbo de la Flota:

FC Jorge Daniel Perez
FVC Dolores Sagasta
FRC Fabián Garcia Rodríguez

La celebración reunió también a queridos amigos rotanautas de las Flotas Montevideo, Punta del Este y Ciudad de la Costa, de la República Oriental del Uruguay, que se sumaron al encuentro para compartir esta fecha tan significativa.



Y como toda buena celebración entre amigos merece música y una mesa compartida, la jornada tuvo la alegría y el ritmo del grupo “Siempre Salta”, que acompañó el encuentro con su música.

La propuesta gastronómica también tuvo sabor argentino: los presentes disfrutaron de una picada, empanadas salteñas y locro, en un clima de camaradería que se extendió durante toda la jornada.

Celebrar 22 años de una Flota es celebrar mucho más que el paso del tiempo. Es celebrar amistades que perduran, encuentros que se repiten, nuevos rumbos que comienzan y una pasión compartida por la náutica y el espíritu rotario. Porque en la IYFR, cada cambio de Puente es una oportunidad para mirar hacia adelante, pero también para agradecer todo lo navegado juntos.

¡Felices 22 años, Flota Delta!

¡Buenos vientos para el nuevo Puente y siempre a navegar juntos!

DELTA FLEET: 22 YEARS SAILING TOGETHER

In Tigre, friendship, boating, and the Rotary tradition came together to celebrate the 22nd anniversary of Delta Fleet and welcome a new Bridge.

On August 22, 2026, in the city of Tigre, the IYFR Delta Fleet celebrated a very special occasion: the Change of Bridge, which coincided with the celebration of its 22 years of history.





It was an occasion to bid farewell to and thank Inés Curatella, who completed her term as Commodore 2024–2026, and to welcome the new team that will take the helm of the Fleet:
FC Jorge Daniel Perez
FVC Dolores Sagasta
FRC Fabián Garcia Rodríguez

The celebration also brought together dear Iyforians friends from the Montevideo, Punta del Este, and Ciudad de la Costa Fleets, from the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, who joined the gathering to share this very meaningful occasion.
And as every good celebration among friends deserves music and a shared table, the day was filled with the joy and rhythm of the group "Siempre Salta," who accompanied the gathering with their music.





The culinary offering also had an Argentine flavor: guests enjoyed a picada, Salta-style empanadas, and locro, in a warm atmosphere of camaraderie that lasted throughout the day.

Celebrating 22 years of a Fleet means celebrating much more than the passage of time. It means celebrating lasting friendships, reunions that come around again, new courses that begin, and a shared passion for boating and the Rotary spirit.

Because in the IYFR, every Change of Bridge is an opportunity to look ahead, but also to give thanks for everything we have sailed together.

Happy 22nd Anniversary, Delta Fleet!

Fair winds to the new Bridge, and may we always keep sailing together!



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FRAGATA LIBERTAD EN BUENOS AIRES

By IRC-A2C Miriam Caudullo

En América es época de regreso de las naves escuela de las armadas, que tras largos meses de instrucción naval vuelven a sus puertos en los imponentes Tall Ships.
El sábado 19 de septiembre, gracias a las gestiones del Comodoro Eduardo Gudiño, nos embarcamos en el velero "Fortuna III" para salir al encuentro de la "Fragata ARA Libertad", que culminaba su viaje de instrucción que llevó varios meses.
Una gran cantidad de veleros acompañamos su llegada, como ya es tradición en el Río de la Plata. Verla aparecer en el horizonte con sus velas desplegadas fue un momento de emoción profunda. Finalmente, ayudada por remolcadores, atracó en su apostadero frente a las familias y amigos que aguardaban ansiosos, cada uno con su historia, mientras los veleros desfilaban saludando a la Libertad.
Este arribo marca el cierre de una travesía que, como cada año, refuerza la preparación profesional de los futuros oficiales y proyecta al mundo la tradición marítima del continente americano. La Fragata Libertad, símbolo de amistad y cooperación internacional, vuelve a su puerto con la misión cumplida y con el reconocimiento de toda la comunidad náutica.





FRIGATE LIBERTAD IN BUENOS AIRES

In the Americas, this is the season when naval training ships return home after months of instruction aboard the magnificent Tall Ships.
On Saturday 19 September, thanks to arrangements by Commodore Eduardo Gudiño, we boarded the yacht "Fortuna III" to meet the "ARA Libertad", completing her instructional voyage.



Many sailing boats joined her arrival, as is tradition on the Rio de la Plata. Watching her emerge on the horizon with sails unfurled was profoundly moving. Finally, assisted by tugboats, she berthed at her station before families and friends eagerly waiting, while the sailing boats paraded in salute to the Libertad. This arrival marks the end of a voyage, which, as every year, strengthens the training of future officers and projects the maritime tradition of the Americas to the world. The Libertad, a symbol of friendship and international cooperation, returns to her port with her mission accomplished and the recognition of the nautical community.





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IYFR PUERTO CABELLO – VENEZUELA CAMBIO DE PUENTE DE MANDO

by Paul Patacho

El pasado 24 de junio, la flota IYFR Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, zarpó a las 10:30 a. m. a bordo del catamarán Jolly Country, para realizar una jornada de navegación por las hermosas aguas del Parque Nacional Morrocoy.

La travesía tuvo un doble propósito: compartir una jornada de camaradería y navegación entre sus integrantes y, al mismo tiempo, celebrar el Cambio de Puente de Mando de la Flota.



Durante el recorrido se realizaron tres fondeos. En uno de ellos, de acuerdo con lo programado, se iniciaron en la proa del catamarán los honores y el protocolo correspondiente al cambio de mando. Una breve lluvia llevó a trasladar la culminación del acto al interior de la embarcación, donde continuó la ceremonia en un ambiente de fraternidad y compañerismo.



Aunque el cambio de mando no se realizó en un salón ni estuvo acompañado de los tradicionales uniformes de gala, el escenario elegido tuvo un significado especial. Las aguas del Parque Nacional Morrocoy fueron el marco natural para este importante momento, simbolizando la pasión por el mar y por la navegación que caracteriza a la flota, así como el espíritu náutico que une a sus integrantes.

En el marco de esta ceremonia, el Comodoro saliente (fundador), Paul Patacho, hizo entrega de los galones al nuevo Comodoro, Albin González, quien asumió oficialmente la conducción de la Flota.



El nuevo Puente de Mando quedó conformado de la siguiente manera:
Comodoro: Albin González
Vice comodoro: Nonay Riera
Contra comodoro: Francisco Leal

La jornada representó un momento especial para IYFR Puerto Cabello, reafirmando los lazos de amistad, camaradería y pasión por la navegación que caracterizan a sus integrantes.

¡Buenos vientos y mares tranquilos para este nuevo Puente de Mando!

IYFR PUERTO CABELLO VENEZUELA CHANGE OF COMMAND

On June 24th, the IYFR Puerto Cabello Fleet, Venezuela, set sail at 10:30 a.m. aboard the catamaran Jolly Country, for a memorable day of sailing through the beautiful waters of Morrocoy National Park.

The voyage had a dual purpose: to share a day of sailing and fellowship among its members while also celebrating the Change of Command of the Fleet.



During the journey, three anchorages were made. At one of them, as scheduled, the honors and protocol for the Change of Command ceremony began at the bow of the catamaran. A brief rain shower led the ceremony to be completed inside the vessel, where the event continued in an atmosphere of friendship and camaraderie.



Although the Change of Command did not take place in a formal hall or with the traditional dress uniforms, its setting carried a special meaning. The waters of Morrocoy National Park provided a natural and symbolic backdrop for this important occasion, reflecting the fleet's passion for the sea and sailing, as well as the nautical spirit that brings its members together.

As part of the ceremony, the Fleet's Founding Commodore and outgoing Commodore Paul Patacho formally handed over the Commodore's insignia to incoming Commodore Albin González, who officially assumed leadership of the Fleet.

The new Bridge of Officers is composed as follows:
Commodore: Albin González
Vice Commodore: Nonay Riera
Rear Commodore: Francisco Leal

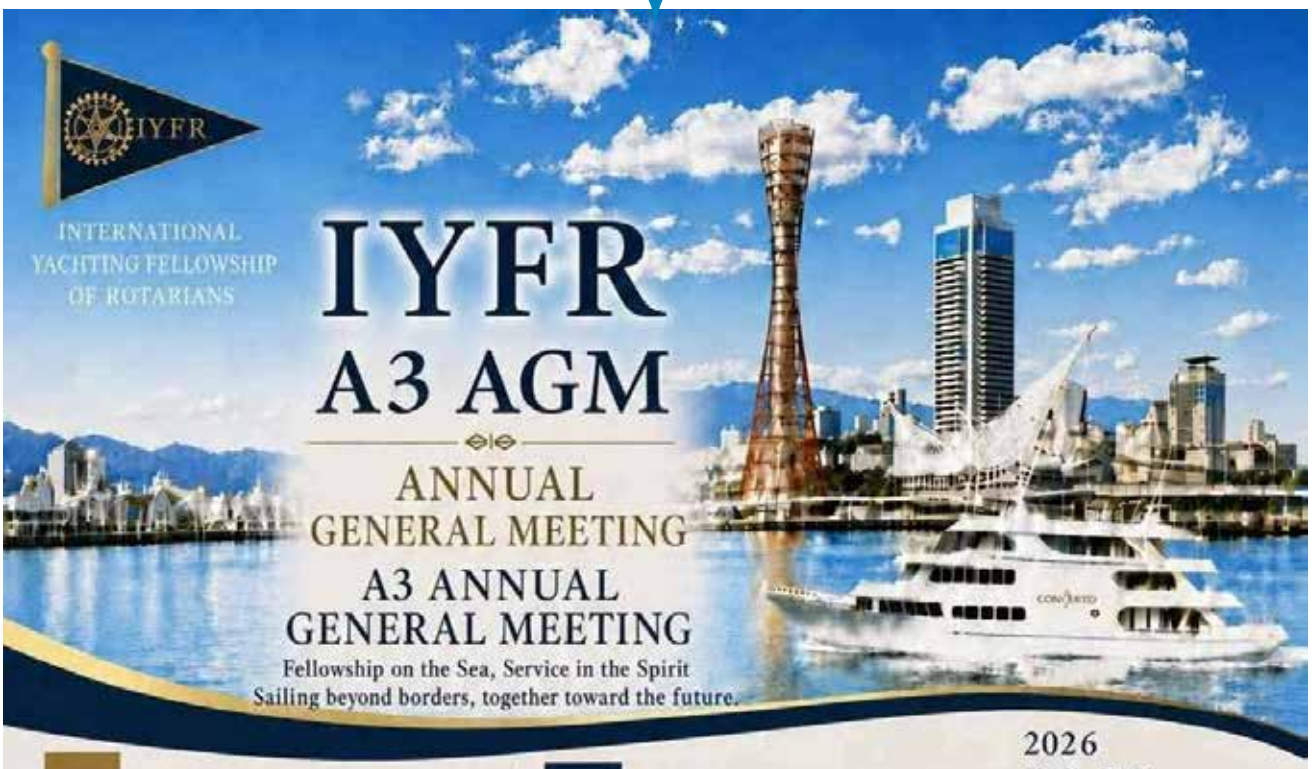
The occasion marked a special moment for IYFR Puerto Cabello, reaffirming the bonds of friendship, fellowship, and passion for sailing that characterize its members.

Fair winds and calm seas for this new Bridge of Command!



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11.1 [SUN]

Awaji Island Cruise & Luncheon

Whirlpool cruise from Fukura Port to Naruto, followed by a scenic Italian lunch in Minamiawaji.

Hotel Departure	Fukura Port Departure	Naruto Whirlpools	Lunch	Hotel Return (Approx.)
9:00	10:50	11:20	13:00	16:30

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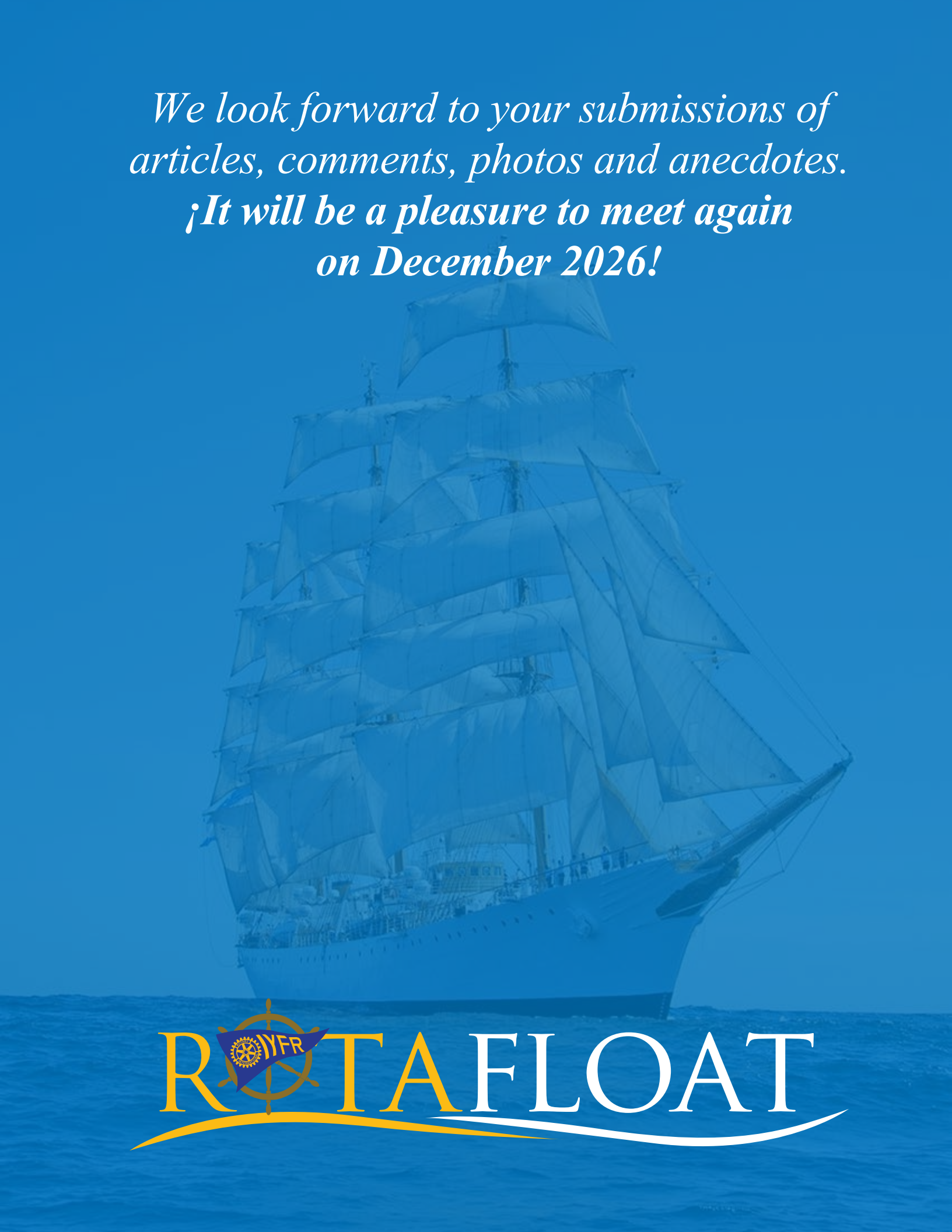
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