



Iyfr Auckland fleet
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From the Commodore's Cabin

As we head into Christmas and New Year I wish you a relaxed and enjoyable time with family and friends. I hope that the New Year brings you good health, happiness and great boating.

I enjoyed the company of many members as we partook of Christmas dinner at the RNZYS. Eighty percent of members responded to the dinner invitation – thank you so much. This surely shows that our fleet is in good heart.

Our heartfelt condolences go to Gary Adern on the loss of his first mate Carol. I hope that Gary will find the courage to join us on some of our upcoming events.

As we head into the heat of summer, I sincerely hope we can all enjoy some great boating weather. Coming up we will co-ordinate some impromptu weekends on the water plus our annual Kawau weekend – in an attempt to give fleet members more opportunities to enjoy each other's company on the water. A few other activities are also in the planning. Watch this space!

Meanwhile Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Boating.

David Hansen
Fleet Commodore



Looking Back

Day Trip to Waiheke

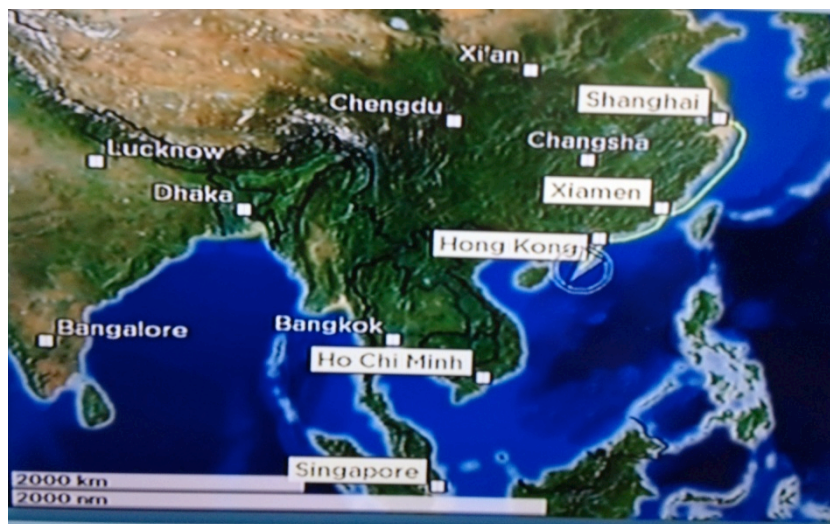
A very wet day did not deter over 20 members making the trip out to Waiheke to enjoy a leisurely lunch at Vino Vino in Oneroa. Unfortunately the inclement weather did not let up so there was time for some retail therapy before catching the bus back to Matiatia and then the ferry back to Auckland

Area 3 AGM

FC David and Liz Hansen together with PIC Terry and Meryl Stretton and PIC Ken and Bente Winter represented the New Zealand Fleets at the latest Area 3 AGM which was held in Hong Kong. It was a circuitous route to Hong Kong – several days in Shanghai, then aboard the cruise ship, 'Mariner of the Seas' for a voyage to Singapore. Ports visited were Xiamen, Hong Kong, Ho Chi Minh City and then Singapore.

At the AGM there were Iyforians from the Philippines including IVC Jun Avecilla, from Japan, from Australia, from New Zealand and the host fleet from Hong Kong. Following the AGM there was a wonderful dinner and evening at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club which was probably the highlight of the trip as it showcased the best of IYFR fellowship and hospitality.

There will be a chance for our NZ fleets to experience this type of fellowship as the next Area 3 AGM is to be held in Auckland in February 2016. More about this elsewhere in this newsletter.



Christmas Dinner

An excellent turnout of over 40 people dined at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron to mark the festive season. Thanks again to VFC Peter Rowell for making all the arrangements

RIP

It was with sadness that the Auckland Fleet learned that Carol Adern, wife of PFC Gary, passed away on 2 December. It was a fitting tribute that those members who attended Carol's funeral were dressed in IYFR whites. Carol was a committed member who served as secretary on Gary's bridge. She will be remembered for her gutsy determination as she fought back from the effects of her first stroke. RIP Carol.

Looking Forward

Kawau Weekend – 27, 28 Feb, 1 March

Please pencil these dates into your calendar for a weekend on the water up to Kawau Island. Following the success of the 2014 weekend we plan to invite members of the Bay of Island fleet to join us. There will be more details out early next year.

Other possible events

These are some ideas of summer activities. Details will be sent out once arrangements and dates are sorted.

- Coromandel weekend going by ferry
- Urupukapuka Island weekend
- Casual weekend for boaties

Area 3 AGM – 3 – 7 February 2016

Planning is underway to hold the Area 3 AGM in February 2016.

There are a number of events which will involve time out on the water and in which Auckland Fleet members will have the opportunity to meet fellow Iyforians from around Asia and Australia. IVC Jun Avecilla who will be International Commodore by this time will be here and perhaps Sergio Santi, the current IC, may be able to make it Down Under at this time. This is a great opportunity to show Kiwi hospitality.

And there's more...

- Gary Hopkinson, a fleet member from Greymouth, will be in Auckland over the holiday break and would love to get out on the water if anyone has a spare place on their boat. Contact Gary on 027 2203301 or at hopkinson@xtra.co.nz
- Don't forget to visit our website – www.iyfr-auckland.org.nz

Wishing everyone safe and happy times on the water this summer.