



IYFR AUCKLAND FLEET NEWS

November 2015

News from the Commodore

Last weekend Vivienne and myself sailed off for the first weekend of the season on "Compass Rose" sporting our brand new Leisure Furl boom and Doyle's Spectra main for what turned out to be a perfect weekend at Kawau Island.

We took some time sorting the system out along the way but once we got the boom height set right everything furled in and out like clockwork. I am sure there more challenges ahead when we encounter stronger winds but so far we can recommend the Leisure Furl system.

We had much excitement along their way with two Orca, a mother and calf, diving right under us as we entered Bon Accord Harbour on Friday evening and then on Saturday while at anchor at Vivienne Bay we were surrounded by a school of Dolphins. There were over twenty of them frolicking around us for over an hour. We were treated to synchronised Dolphin swimming, they were leaping high out of the water in pairs, hard to photograph but Vivienne had great success-----

Also the first swim of the summer for us, rather chilly but it certainly woke us up after a lazy afternoon Dolphin watching.



Pot Luck Luncheon

It was such a pleasure for Vivienne and myself to host so many of you at our home in October for the annual IYFR Pot Luck Luncheon, thank you to all who joined us. You each contributed such an array of delicious food which made everything so easy for us.

IYFR Christmas Celebration

Our next scheduled event is Christmas Dinner at the "Gulf Harbour Yacht Club" 1830 hrs on Thursday the 10th of December. Please make a note of this date and expect an invitation along with the menu and price e-mailed to you very soon.

IYFR Regional AGM

The really big event to be hosted by our Auckland Fleet in early February 2016 is the Regional AGM of the IYFR. It is a great honour for our fleet to be invited to host this AGM and we have members from all over the Area 3 region booked in to attend.

Regional Commodore David and Liz Hansen along with a subcommittee of PWC Ken and Bente Winter, PWC Terry and Meryl Stretton, Treasurer Peter Johns and Lorraine Geary have been working on this event for many months behind the scenes and are currently putting the final arrangements in place RC David will report to you on where we are at this time.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at Gulf Harbour on the 10th.
Steady as she goes,

FC Peter Rowell

Looking Back

- It seems an age ago since our AGM held at Five Knots Restaurant and the change of command and bridge.



**Change of Command
Bridge**



The 2015-16 Auckland Fleet

- As FC Peter has mentioned about 30 members had a very enjoyable shared pot luck lunch at Peter and Vivienne's home. A great opportunity to get to know each other in a very relaxed way. Thank you to our gracious hosts, Peter and Vivienne.



Looking Forward

- **Christmas Dinner - Thursday 10 December – 1830 hrs @ Gulf Harbour Yacht Club**

Please put this in your diary NOW if you haven't already done so. An invitation with all the details will be coming out shortly.

- **Area 3 AGM – 3 to 8 February 2016**

As FC Peter has said this is a major event for our Fleet. We could have up to 60 plus overseas guests, including the International Commodore, 2 Past International Commodores plus our own Past International Commodores (Ken Winter and Terry Stretton).

PFC David Hansen explains more -

Area 3 in the IYFR world encompasses Australasia, the Pacific and Asia. For the last 3 years Area 3 has been holding an 'Annual General Meeting' to discuss IYFR business and hear how all the Fleets are getting on etc. It is also a great excuse for friends to gather and have fun as they have in Bali, Borocay(Philippines) and on a cruise ship from Shanghai to Singapore last year. They voted for Auckland this year (but actually being held in February next year to get the best weather!)

Auckland Fleet members are invited to attend the actual AGM meeting (yes, we do have one) where you will find more people with fancy titles than you could shake a stick at. On the fun side, all members and partners are welcome – we have organised a range of activities with as much on the water as possible.

Organising a multi-day event for about 80 people is no small task. Together with an organising committee we have worked hard to keep costs down while providing a quality experience.

We are the hosting fleet and want to provide our visitors with a memorable experience –so some help will be needed. **More information on this, events and costs will be sent to all members shortly.** My suggestion for the pick of events would be the harbour cruise and BBQ; the formal dinner at the RNZYS and Waitangi Day out on the water.

Please put this in your diary and look forward to having a great time.

David Hansen
Past Fleet Commodore
Regional Commodore NZ & Pacific

New Members

Welcome aboard to new members of the Fleet : Damian Suri (Exchange student from Switzerland); Bruce Davies; Youngshin & Don Watkins; Michael & Laurina Bernecker; Peter Garnett & Elaine Mead; Jenny & Bruce Herring and Bruce and Christine Rasmussen.

We look forward to meeting you at the upcoming events.

Happy Boating everyone

