



Iyfr auckland fleet

Newsletter

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From the Commodore's Cabin

With the warmer weather we have had over the past few days it is hard not to think that Spring is in the air. Time to tackle those maintenance jobs and prepare the boat for summer.

For this coming summer your Bridge will look to organise a number of boating events that all can enjoy. Just keep an eye on your emails and our newsletter as we sail towards summer.

Coming up in November is the annual IYFR Area 3 (Australasia, Asia/Pacific) AGM which is to be held in Hong Kong this year. The fun, however, is in the getting there. It will be on a cruise from Shanghai via Hong Kong, amongst other ports, to Singapore. Aboard will be Fleet Commodores (including yours truly), Regional Commodores, IYFR members plus our International Vice Commodore Jun Avecilla. If last year is anything to go by it will be a riot of laughs. Fellowship and fun that's what IYFR should be about.

We hope to see a lot of you at our next event – the Post Election Cruise to Waiheke. Read on to find out the details.

Many thanks go to Warren Sly for setting up our fleet website. To visit go to www.iyfr-auckland.org.nz

Yours in IYFR fellowship,

David Hansen
Fleet Commodore



Looking Back

Lunch on board Pacific Mermaid

Many thanks go to Ken and Bente Winter for their generous hospitality in hosting a Fleet luncheon in honour of PIC Bryan Skinner and Chris from England. Also on board were Annette and Brian Lewis from the UK.

International Convention 2014

Sydney was host to over 18,000 Rotarians during the International Convention. Although the Convention was held out at Olympic Park, getting there was not a problem for those staying in the central city as transport was free to all Rotarians. There were good speakers at all plenaries and a myriad of breakout sessions to attend as well as the House of Friendship showcasing Rotary projects and booths of all the fellowships including our own IYFR booth.

During the Convention fellowships must hold their AGM and IYFR's AGM took the form of the Commodore's Gala Dinner. With this and the Meet & Greet held earlier there was the opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new. It was good to see representation from both the Auckland and the Bay of Islands fleets.

Post Convention Cruise

As is the tradition of IYFR the post convention cruise (PCC) began the day after convention closed. This time it was a land based 'cruise' and our 'ship' was the historic Royal Automobile Club of Australia (RACA) situated very close to Circular Quay. During the next 4 days we visited numerous places around Sydney with a number of trips out on the harbour in a variety of vessels. PCC is a great way to bond as a group with much fellowship, food (and wine) and lots of fun.

The latest edition of Rotafloat (available on the IYFR website) has many photos of these events.



Grant Fowlie at the helm on Sydney Harbour with IC Sergio Santi

After PCC

A number of Iyforians took the opportunity to travel to NZ before returning home. Members of the Auckland Fleet hosted Remsen and Vera Barnard from San Francisco fleet and Rear Commodore Guillermo (William) Arteta and his wife Monica from Argentina. All expressed a wish to return and spend more time here.

RC Guillermo accepting the challenge



AGM

This was held at Romfords and those attending enjoyed fellowship and lunch and an interesting speaker – Dean Lawrence CEO of the Spirit of Adventure Trust. During his presentation Dean mentioned adult voyages on the Spirit of New Zealand coming up next month from Napier to Wellington from 10 -13 September and the return trip Wellington to Napier 3-6 October. Cost \$490 pp.

Below please find information and registration forms if you are interested in signing on. You can also visit the Spirit of Adventure's website.



Napier to Wellington Coastal Sept 2014.pdf



Wellington to Napier Coastal Oct 2014.pdf

Upcoming Events

Day Trip to Waiheke

The Bridge have planned a trip out to Waiheke on Sunday 21 September (Post Election Cruise). The plan is to leave on the 11am ferry (which goes via Devonport) with lunch at Vino Vino in Oneroa.

Please **RSVP Lorraine Geary 480 6493 by 15 September** so she can make a reservation at the restaurant.

Welcome Aboard

A warm welcome is extended to our newest members:
Rob Crabtree and Jon & Louise Nicholson

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