



# *Yachting Fellowship News*

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With some trepidation I took the wheel of the ship and meet with the Bridge Crew, thankfully they have experience to burn and we can be sure that the ship is in safe hands even if the front man is suspect.

We are very fortunate in having David Hansen volunteer to take the role of Vice Commodore; he has all the prerequisites and will make a great commodore in July 2013. Thank you David. (David and Liz are heading away to the Indonesia and later on to France for a year approx, great for some).

Blessed with riches Meryl Stretton has agreed to take on the role of Secretary, thank you Meryl. Your input and experience is much appreciated. Bente and Ken Winter are our events co-ordinators, a few minutes brainstorming with the committee and we have an exciting and eventful fleet calendar throughout the next couple of years. Thanks Ken & Bente. Please advise Bente if you are a lot of co-ordination and

organisation in putting these event together, they are for the enjoyment of you members and without your support they won't be fun.

We will try to give you as much forward notice of what's coming up, please put it in your diary and make a commitment and we will all enjoy our wonderful Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians.

We are arranging a Christmas Fellowship Dinner at The Marina Restaurant and Bar, on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December, put it in your diary now. See the attached flyer; please bring a gift that you wouldn't want to receive (less than \$5.00) for the secret fairy to give out from Santa's bag. The costs are very reasonable and it will be a lot of Fun!

Lorraine Geary is our Fun & Fellowship advisor, Lorraine has been leading us astray for many years and will I am certain continue to do so from this seat on the bridge,

Peter Johns remains as the Financial Controller, that like the fat controller in the Thomas the Tank engine stories, Peter is to be obeyed at all times or he will derail the train. You will have all received an invoice for the annual subs from Peter, please can you make your payment in the immediate future so we can keep Peter chained up!

Grant Cossey remains on the Bridge as Rear Commodore, we are certain he and Gill will see that it doesn't get too weird, thanks guys.

So that's the team and we look forward to being of service to you.

Those of you who don't know me, I am a Registered Architect and Managing Director of Waitakere Architects Limited, we specialise in education, retirement and transport projects in the main but like to put our hand to anything. We designed the very challenging fuel supply system for the Orakei Marina so that's pretty different.

I have two boys Michael & Craig, both have fled the nest and are happily working away at life.

I have been blessed to meet Jan my Fiancée and we are to be married in March 2012, her twin girls Madison and Olivia live with us and her 5 older boys have made me very much part of the family.

I started sailing when I was at primary school and had some success in the Z Class representing Wellington and the Worser Bay sailing club, I dabbled with crewing on keelboats and then with a group of enthusiasts built fibreglass Frostbite and sailed that keenly seeing that my kids had an introduction to sailing early on. They sailed until they got interested in parties, cars and girls. They will come back to it on day in the future.

I have a small speedboat and like to tow the kids around on wake boards and dabble badly with fishing.

We live right on the water in the upper harbour and enjoy kayaking and all sorts of boating.

I recently turned 60 years young and if you ask me I will tell you that life is great.

We are off to the USA for Christmas and will drive in an RV from LA to Florida.

Before I go we will try to get to you a program for events to be held in February March and a little further on in 2012.

Please if you want to raise anything with me do not hesitate to give me a call, we can always do with interesting speakers, event ideas, please let us know.

I am hoping to catch up with as many of you at the Christmas function, if however you are busy elsewhere then we wish you all the best for this Christmas season, share it with you family friend and others, have a very special Christmas Day, and enjoy the new year, be safe and happy boating.

Colin Pauling

Commodore.



## ***Coming Events***

***Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011***

A vibrant tropical scene featuring a large white sailboat on a clear turquoise sea under a bright blue sky. In the foreground, lush green foliage and clusters of pink and red flowers frame the view. A small building with a red roof is partially visible on the left.

Area 3 has 4 grant applicants so it is possible we may get less than the amount we have requested. We should know the outcome in December and if successful funds should be received in January. Keep your fingers crossed!

## *What is IYFR?*

IYFR is a Fellowship program of Rotary for members who want to combine their love of boating and Rotary membership.

IYFR began in England in 1947 when John Barrett hoisted a Rotary Flag from his yacht. The IYFR is now the oldest and largest of the Rotary Fellowships with approximately 100 fleets, 1000+ yachts and more than 3000 members around the world. IYFR Members are called 'lyforians'.

### *The goals of IYFR are...*

Promoting the enjoyment of cruising, yacht-racing, sailing, and boating in general.

Promoting good standards of seamanship, and etiquette of the water.

Offer social events and opportunities to those Rotarians who share the interests of any water sport that involves ships or boats.

IYFR is an international group. There are fleets around the world that share your interest in boating and arrange a variety of water oriented events and activities.

### *Who can join IYFR...*

Any Rotarian or Rotary Anne or member of Probus.... do I need a boat? NO. in fact many members have no boat, but still enjoy to be a member.

### *When you join IYFR...*

You'll meet other Rotarians from around the world that share your interest in boating

You'll receive the International Roster of Members which will allow you to get in touch with fellow members when you travel.

You can participate in post-convention cruise, in May/June every year



**CANNON BALLS !!!!!**

It was necessary to keep a good supply of cannon balls, near the cannon, on old war ships. But how to prevent them from rolling about the deck was a major problem.

The best storage method devised was to stack them as a square based pyramid, with one ball on top, resting on four, resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem -- how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others.

Answer: The solution was a metal plate with 16 round dimples, called, for reasons unknown, a Monkey.

But if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls quickly rust on to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make the plates of brass - hence, Brass Monkeys.

Few landlubbers realize that brass shrinks more, and more rapidly than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannon balls would come right off the monkey.

Thus, it was quite literally, cold enough to "freeze the balls off a brass monkey".

## *Tailpiece:*

*We cannot change the wind, but  
we can adjust the sails*

*Two shipwrecked sailors met in the open  
ocean. Each clinging to his own log.*

*"Ahoy," exclaimed the first, "Your ship  
has sunk?"*

*"Yes, a year ago."*

*"You don't say so? And you've been at  
the sea all this time?"*

*"Aye, and what about it?"*

*"How could you endure it for so long?"*

*"Wondering myself. It was so boring, on  
Sundays in particular..."*