



# **IYFR AUCKLAND FLEET NEWSLETTER**

## **May 2014**

### **From the Commodore's Cabin**

The Rotary International Convention will be held in Sydney in a couple of weeks time from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> June and a number of our fleet members are going.

I know they will have a wonderful time – more so because IYFR is required to hold its AGM during the Convention. This plus the IYFR Meet & Greet drinks and the Post Convention Cruise (PCC) provide the catalyst for memorable times as friends from all over the world meet and new friendships are made.

This is the essence of a Rotary Fellowship.

Similarly, if you are travelling, members can and are encouraged to use the IYFR website to contact other fleets and members. The hospitality is wonderful and who knows what adventure awaits you. Enjoy!

There is more information about the website later in this newsletter.

For those who are staying on this side of the Tasman I hope the weather will be good for a little boating over Queens Birthday weekend.

Yours in IYFR fellowship,

David Hansen

### **Looking Back:**

#### **Overseas Guests:**

A number of Fleet members had the pleasure of hosting and entertaining Area 1 Commodore Bob Burns and his lovely lady Ann Lockhart from Glasgow while they were visiting NZ en route to the International Convention in Sydney. Bob and Ann loved their time here and hope to come back to see the places they didn't get to.

#### **Day trip to Coromandel:**

The day trip to Coromandel has been shelved for now as there was not a lot of interest shown. We hope that we may be able to organise an overnight visit in the summer.

## **Upcoming Events:**

### **Lunch on board Pacific Mermaid Sunday 25 May**

All members should have received an invitation to lunch on Ken and Bente Winter's Pacific Mermaid. This occasion is to host Past International Commodore Bryan Skinner and Chris from England along with Annette and Brian Lewis also from the UK. If you plan to come please ring Lorraine Geary (480 6493) by 20 May. Remember to bring a plate of finger food to share plus your own drinks. Departure is 11.30am from Orakei Marina.

### **International Convention 1 – 4 June**

Rotary's International Convention in Sydney starts on 1 June. If you are going there are a number of IYFR events on as well.

- **IYFR booth in the House of Friendship** – Be sure to visit the booth as this will show you what an international fellowship we belong to.
- **IYFR Meet & Greet** This is open to all Iyforians and partners. It is a chance to catch up with old friends and meet other members of IYFR. It is to be held on Saturday 31 May, 1600 – 1800 hours in the Club Lounge of the NSW Masonic Club. There is no charge or RSVP required but you buy your own drinks.
- **AGM & Dinner** This is to be held on Tuesday 3 June at Cello's Grand Dining Room of the NSW Masonic Club from 1900 – 22.30. The cost is \$A95pp and you will need to email Robert Eaglesham [rje@iprimus.com.au](mailto:rje@iprimus.com.au) immediately to see if there are places still available. Dress code is whites with jacket and tie. You will be emailed full details once your registration is accepted.

### **After Convention 9 – 13 June**

#### **Overseas Guests:**

Unfortunately the International Vice Commodore, Jun Avecilla from the Philippines will not be coming across the Tasman at this time but he does plan to visit NZ along with the International Commodore Sergio Santi from Italy next summer, hopefully in February when we should be able to show them some great sailing/boating weather. However, we are still hosting Remsen and Vera Barnard from San Francisco and hope to show them Auckland and a little further afield.

The International Rear Commodore Guillermo Arteta and Monica from Argentina are due to visit from 15 June.

Once we know their itinerary we plan to host a Fleet dinner. Details will be sent out once plans are finalised.

### **Auckland Fleet AGM Sunday 27 July**

The AGM of the Auckland Fleet will be held on Sunday 27 July 2014 at Romfords, Tamaki Drive. **Please mark this on your calendars NOW.** More details to follow.

## Welcome on board:

A warm welcome is extended to Brenton and Carly Faithfull who have recently joined IYFR.

A reminder to all – please encourage members of your Rotary Club who are interested in boating to join the fellowship.

Application forms can be downloaded from the website or please send name, email address and phone number to Meryl Stretton

[tamstretton@hotmail.com](mailto:tamstretton@hotmail.com)

## IYFR Website

I wonder how many members are using our website – **iyfr.net**. There is a lot of information to be found there. As well as the history of IYFR and who's who in the International Bridge, there is the latest newsletter 'Rotafloat' with news and information .

All members can log into the 'members only' section where there is access to all the fleets worldwide (100+). Information here can be useful when travelling to make contact with someone to arrange a meeting/sailing etc.

In the 'members only' section there are the general rules; membership application forms for downloading and handing out to potential members plus links to other fleets.

All members, upon joining, would have been issued with a username and password. If these have been forgotten, there is a 'help me to log in' sign to click on and a new username and password is then emailed to you.

If you have any difficulty with this, please contact Meryl Stretton

[tamstretton@hotmail.com](mailto:tamstretton@hotmail.com)

## Regalia

There are a few IYFR shirts available plus IYFR lapel pins and ladies' pins.

Please contact Meryl for more details.