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News from the Commodore

Auckland Fleet, IYFR.

Dear Mariners,

Vivienne and my summer sailing season was brought to an abrupt standstill, (pun intended), with the fitting of my new knees on the 14th of February. They are progressing well with surprisingly little discomfort thanks to a multitude of pain relief tablets. We hope to be back on the water by Easter - weather permitting.

Breaking News

Regional Commodore David Hansen's nomination for International Rear Commodore 2017-2019 has been accepted by the International Selection Committee and he will be inducted when the official announcement is made at the IYFR AGM to be held during the International Rotary Convention in Atlanta. Congratulations from us all David this is a most prestigious appointment and we are all very proud of you. As I understand it David's natural progression will be to International Vice Commodore 2019-2021 and then International Commodore 2021-2023. Following in the tradition of Past IC Ken Winter and Past IC Terry Stretton David will become the third IC from the Auckland fleet setting a new record in the IYFR.

Christmas Dinner RNZYS



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On the 15th of December forty five of us enjoyed Christmas dinner at the RNZYS. The Squadron functions and catering staff were so very helpful in the planning and on the night made absolutely sure the dinner ran seamlessly. It was an evening of culinary delight and warm fellowship. Honorary member District Governor 9920 Roger Harvey and Georgie joined us for the evening and DG Roger kindly proposed the toast to the IYFR.



Bottom End Waiheke 10th – 12th of February

What a lovely weekend on the water we enjoyed with a full moon, perfect weather and a muster of 29 mariners in five craft - Amico Vero, El Toro, La Vie, Compass Rose and Pacific Mermaid. The official weekend started with lunch at the Man o War Winery. The

Winery was happy for us to arrive early and rearranged the garden tables and umbrellas into a cluster to suit ourselves.



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The day was hot and sunny we were so fortunate and enjoyed lovely lunch in the beautiful garden setting.





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There was much more to follow - Ken and Bente had kindly invited us all on board Pacific Mermaid for drinks from 5.00pm to be followed by a BBQ dinner. The deal prior to the weekend was that each boat would bring a salad and Pacific Mermaid would supply the BBQ meat and the pudding at \$10.00 per head. During the evening Terry's hat was passed around and filled with cash but Ken and Bente weren't having a bar of it and decided to donate the money back to the Fleet to help with future sponsorships. It was a beautiful evening with everyone seated at table on Pacific Mermaid in a tropical atmosphere on a warm and balmy evening. Thank you so much Ken and Bente and your helpers.





IYFR International Grant

In 2016 your Bridge applied for a grant from the IYFR International Grants Committee to assist us in the sponsorship of another worthy young person on a ten day Voyage of Discovery on the “Spirit of New Zealand”. You will remember that earlier last year the fleet sponsored Freya Parmenter on a similar voyage and she spoke to us in glowing terms about her experience at our AGM. We were in luck; the Grants Committee accepted our project and has allocated US \$1000.00 towards it. This equates to around NZ\$1,400.00 which will leave around NZ\$1,000.00 remaining for the fleet to pay. The Bridge is happy with this and has voted to go ahead and request that the Spirit of Adventure Trust nominate another worthy young applicant just as they did with Freya.

2017 Fleet AGM

This is planned to be held on Pacific Mermaid, subject to availability, at her berth in Okahu Bay Marina on Sunday the 30th of July from mid-day. This will be a change of office AGM and we will be welcoming in VC Wayne Brewer as our new Commodore for 2017-2019. Wayne will introduce his new Bridge and the Fleet Events he has planned for you. Further information regarding the AGM will be emailed to you closer to the time.

I must say that the past two years have just flown by and it has been such a privilege for me to serve you as your Fleet Commodore and Vivienne as your Fleet Secretary, we have truly loved it all. I thank my Bridge and you the members of the Auckland fleet for your wonderful support and for your fellowship - we are looking forward to seeing you at the AGM.

With the kindest of regards from us both,

Peter and Vivienne

