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*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

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## INTERNATIONAL COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Dear IYforian friends,

As I cover and comment the three months of the 112 number of our Newsletter, I can only start by RC Marko Murn' report on the Balkans fleets. It includes the ones in Bulgaria, Slovenia, Croatia and Serbia.

This latter comes with the good news of a new fleet. The country has no sea and all the navigation is done on three rivers: The Danube, the Sava and the Tisa. They offer difficulties: Shallow waters, and change of river beds in some cases. Many in the new fleet sail too in neighboring countries, such as Croatia or Slovenia. Our IVC Bob Burns was there for the chartering.

The bad news is the terrible storm suffered in the north west of Italy, especially in the beautiful town of Portofino. Our PIC Sergio Santi was there and he recounts a description of the event.

He was also in Naples with Paolo Brambilla of the Italian NW. fleet. In his report, this latter tells us about Naples' SW fleet and its 20th year of existence.

FC Raphaela Stricker of Germany's South Fleet sends her report on how they support a sail training center.

Amaury Benedetti, of the Cartagena de Indias Fleet, enriches us with a report of the Colombian Navy School Ship and its 50 years of making friendships along Latin American ports.

RC Miriam Caudullo, of Latin America East, tells us about the Delta Fleet work in their Delta region area of influence, centered particularly on the Chagas sickness.

It is difficult to exaggerate the importance of the scouts for the children involved to whom a new window in life is being opened: They learn discipline, without which nothing in life is possible to achieve, they stay out of drugs and out of a nemesis of today's young people who neither work nor study. The project in Ecuador goes even further: It transforms a town through the children. Close attention has been paid to the possibility of the Fellowship being responsible in case of accident and regarding this, we checked that possibility with our legal advisor in the Fellowship. Good work, Walter Eaglehurst and Marcelo Arteaga!

Finally, about Area 3, we have a recount by PIC Jun Avecilla on how the Hong Kong fleet is preparing the next year's General Meeting -A3AGM 2019- for the first week of July.

Last but not least, the latest big news is the Northern Italian Lakes new fleet in Italy, the ninth in that country. It is scheduled for the 8th of next January. Congratulations for PIC Sergio Santi and RC Luigi Norsa!

Kind Regards

*Guillermo*

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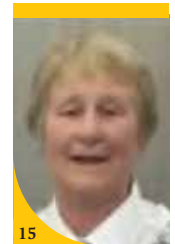
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# SPECIAL EVENTS



Rotary World Convention  
IYFR Schedule



WELCOME TO ALL IYFORIANS FROM FAR AND NEAR. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SHARING WITH YOU A LOT OF WONDERFUL EVENTS AS THERE ARE:

- First non-official Get-Together at Restaurant "Schifferboerse"
- Infopoint and Bistro evening at the tall-ship "Eye of the Wind" **NOTE: Bistro evening is full booked a waiting list been opened**
- Dinghy-sailing on the Alster-Lake - non fleet members welcome
- **Meet and Greet dinner at "Alsterlounge" next to boat-rental Fun-Regatta** Non fleet members welcome
- Visit of the well known famous International Maritime Museum (Peter Tamm)
- Dinner "Catch of the Day" - restaurant within the museum building
- Harbour Cruise
- **AGM at Novotel Hamburg City Alster**
- **Gala / Formal Dinner & Turnover Ceremonies at Hotel Hafen Hamburg**



○ EYE OF THE WIND

### Tall-ship-post-convention-cruise:

- The convention will be followed by an exciting 4 days "Post-Convention-Cruise" starting from Kiel (Baltic Sea) where we planned to visit small, romantic danish and german harbors. (Depending on the weather)
- Our fleet consisting of 4 chartered tall-ship. The four will be accompanied by German IYFoRians on their own ships so we can join together in every harbor stay.
- Joint welcome and farwell dinners are also scheduled.



See [www.iyfr-2019.de](http://www.iyfr-2019.de) for complete information

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## AREA 1 MEETING 2019

### Preliminary Notice

I am delighted to report that Lila Kyriakopoulou-Schliebener, Commodore of the Hellenic Aegean Fleet and her team have kindly agreed to host the 2019 Area 1 Meeting in Athens.

The projected date for the meeting is from 4th to 6th October. Other details will follow, as the programme develops.

I am very grateful to Lila and her team for their support and I look forward to learning further details as the plans progress.

*Robert Burns*  
*IVCAI C*

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# 2019 HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER

● **JOIN OUR CANADIAN FRIENDS FOR THE 2019 HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER IYFR RENDEZVOUS**

**Point Wilson Marina, Port Townsend, WA.**

Thurs/Aug 15- Sun/Aug 18 – depart Monday, August 19, 2019  
 The Bridge and members of the Seattle Rotary Mariners and U.S. Fleets, welcome the Vancouver Island and Canadian Fleets to the 36th Annual International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians “Hands Across the Border” Rendezvous. Seattle Rotary Mariners “Hands Across the Border” rendezvous began in 1983 as a goodwill gathering between Seattle Rotary Mariners and the Vancouver Island Fleet. This tradition has grown to include six fleets and visiting Rotary Mariners from around the world.

The International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians (IYFR) is the oldest and largest of the Rotary Fellowships. It began in England in 1947 and has grown to 126 fleets, with about 3685 members in 44 countries.

**The 2019 rendezvous will be at Point Hudson Marina, Port Townsend, WA.**

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[www.commandersbeachhouse.com](http://www.commandersbeachhouse.com)

The Commander's Beach House is the only B&B located right on the water at Point Hudson. Stroll easily to the shops and restaurants downtown, or hike the beach to Chetzemoka Park and Fort Worden.

<http://www.commandersbeachhouse.com/tour.html>

Colonial, Cape Cod style former USCG Commander's Beach House features three beach style guest rooms.

Thursday's open reception will be on the lawn in front of the beach house.

**For reservations contact Gayle toll free 888-385-1778 stay@commandersbeachhouse.com**



● **SHORESIDE ACCOMMODATIONS - THE SWAN HOTEL-STUDIOS, COTTAGES & A PENTHOUSE**

[www.theswanhotel.com](http://www.theswanhotel.com)

The nautical Swan Hotel features rooms with balconies overlooking Point Hudson Marina and cottages close to the water's edge and steps to historic downtown Port Townsend. **Contact GM 'A.J.' frontdesk@theswanhotel.com +1 800-776-1718**



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# REPORT ON AREA 1 MEETING PORTSMOUTH 21-23 September 2018

The Area 1 Annual Meeting this year was held in Portsmouth, England, at the Royal Maritime Club, which was established in 1850. It is just across the road from the Royal Dockyard, which harbours Nelson's Flagship, HMS Victory, and was originally a Sailors' Home, which looked after sailors and marines between ships. It was given Royal Patronage in 1855 and still has the Prince of Wales as the current Patron.



SPINNAKER TOWER, PORTSMOUTH

The building was bombed and destroyed in the Second World War but was rebuilt and re-opened in 1952 and is once again currently undergoing refurbishment. It gained charitable status in 1883, which it still has, so all financial surpluses go to charitable activities.

The official IYFR meeting started on the 21st September, but some members arrived early, in order to participate in the sail over to Cowes for the annual lunch of the Rotary Club of Cowes at the Royal Yacht Squadron.

A small ferry was chartered to take us over and we berthed in the private harbour of the yacht club, which was very convenient and a real privilege. It was quite a breezy crossing, with most people taking refuge from the spray in the forward cabin of the boat!

We ate in the Terrace Building at the club, overlooking the Solent and were able to watch the various movements of ships and yachts beyond the terrace, as the sun actually came out. After the meal, a speaker enlightened us on the local 'Cowes Disability' group which enables disabled people to take to the water in sailing boats. All in all, a very enjoyable experience. Just to round it off, a lottery for £100 was one by one of our members!

Friday saw several people take the opportunity to visit the Southampton Boat Show, which is the biggest boat show in the UK. There was plenty on display, both in the form of boats and accessories. I'm afraid for some of us the cash tills were ringing, but at least nobody actually bought a new boat!

During the day our remaining participants arrived and we all met together in the evening for dinner in the hotel, where we were well entertained by the 'Shanty Men', a lively folk group who had us all joining in – a most enjoyable evening.

## REPORT ON AREA 1 MEETING PORTSMOUTH 21-23 SEPTEMBER 2018



○ BUSINESS MEETING, PORTSMOUTH

It was great to see that 9 of the 12 Regions in Area 1 were now represented at our meeting with members from a total of 12 Countries present.

We even had two members from Area 2, who were in Area 1 at the time and who kindly came along to join us. Saturday, unfortunately the weather let us down and we all took a ferry, in mist and rain, for a tour of the harbour before heading over to Cowes for a traditional 'Fish and Chips' meal in the Island Yacht Club. We were able to walk around the narrow streets of Cowes and watch the procession of local organizations during the Isle of Wight Day carnival festivities. We all just felt very sorry for the participants, as they were totally soaked by the unrelenting rain.

Then it was back in time to change for the Business Meeting, which gave rise to some useful discussions and produced some new ideas to be tried out. It is hoped that a trial of IYFR flotilla sailing in the Adriatic can be arranged for next year, for those who do not like racing. I hope we demonstrated that Area 1 is still in good heart and is moving forward.



○ DINNER ON HMS WARRIOR

So, to the Gala Dinner, which was definitely different. The meal was on board HMS Warrior, the first iron-hulled warship in Europe. Wooden tables were slung between the cannons in the lower gun deck, which gave a real atmosphere to the occasion and took everyone back through the years to give them a taste of what it might have been like on board in its sailing days. However, to bring it up to date, John Royle and Chris Bishop, took the parts of Nelson and Hardy to show how the events at Trafalgar might have been different in a politically correct world. They gave an extremely humorous performance, which just brought home how things have changed!



○ NELSON AND HARDY

Sunday was supposed to offer sailing on the Solent, courtesy of members of the IYFR Solent Fleet. However, sadly, the forecast of 50 mph winds had caused the event to be cancelled and so some people made the best of their time and visited HMS Victory or the Mary Rose exhibition instead.

Everyone seemed to have really enjoyed the meeting and we are looking forward very much to next year, when we will be in Greece. Only the weather let us down, but I guess that's sailing! Hopefully it should be better next year.

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# ITALY SW NAPOLI FLEET XX ANNIVERSARY

By Lucia de Cristofaro, Italy NW Fleet - english version: Paolo Brambilla, Italy NW Fleet



These have been days full of events in Naples, October 5th and 6th, 2018, when we celebrated the Twenty Years anniversary of Fleet Italy SW Naples with Commodore Nino De Donato. We started during the evening of October 5th with a Welcome Dinner at "Club Nautico della Vela", in Borgo Marinari - Santa Lucia. Guests coming from Italy and Spain speak friendly about International YachtFellowship of Rotarians.

The following morning, as expected, we could visit the Anton Dohrn Zoological Station, the Research Center of Portici, Granatello, where the "Clinica delle Tartarughe Marine" (Marine Turtle Clinic) is located: a very interesting way to get involve in marine life health problems. After that, we visited the recently restore ancient Roman Villa of Stabiae, with 3 other RC components. It was also very interesting. At the end of the morning we had a delicious surprise: a fabulous lunch based on pasta cooked in the Vecchio Pastificio di Gragnano, owned by a Rotarian of the Capri RC. AIZA! AIZA! AIZA! was the natural conclusion of this fantastic day in the best IYFR traditions. "Buon... VENTI a tutti" was the motto (Good winds), a nice play of words in Italian between "venti" that means twenty (the age of the Fleet) and "venti" that is the plural form of wind.

"The only requirement is to show an active interest in navigation" states the Fleet Italy SW Naples Commodore Gaetano De Donato, Past District 2100 Governor, during his introductory speech celebrating the Twenty Years anniversary, at the Italian Navy Naples Officer Club on October 6th, in the afternoon, when have been discussing data and further suggestions regarding worldwide fleets. Several delegations attended the meeting: Spain, headed by both the Past Region IBERIA Commodores Bernardo Rabassa and Carlo d'Amore; Italy NW Fleet, headed by the Past International Commodore Sergio Santi; Rome Fleet with Commodore Luigi Apuzzo; Italy SE Fleet with Rear Commodore Vincenzo Rinaldi, who is also the International Special Advisor for Adriatic and Regional Secretary for Italy and last but not least the Salerno Fleet, with the Commodore Ernesto Levi.



## ITALY SW NAPOLI FLEET XX ANNIVERSARY

Following Vincenzo Rinaldi and Gaetano De Donato's speeches about IYFR, PIC Sergio Santi took the subject at the higher international level, when to celebrate the Italy SW Naples Fleet twenty years of history was Francesco Clemente, the re-foundation Commodore and later on the first IYFR ITALY REGION Commodore.

The Yachting Napoletano (Naples Yachting) history has been nicely narrated by an extraordinary guest, Pippo Dalla Vecchia, past President of Real Yacht Club Canottieri Savoia, one of the first YC in the Mediterranean. Last but not least the District Governor Salvatore Iovieno, very interested in Fellowship of Rotarians, added: "I have always believed that the Rotarian Fellowships, through the attitudes of their participants, practice and promote Rotarian ideals and values all over the world. Next April in our District 2100 will be held the 4th Fellowship Meeting, an event that will give a deeper insight into the value of Fellowships, as well as underline their role of connecting Rotarians from all the world.



Commodore Gaetano De Donato concluded: "Unfortunately, due to the unfavorable weather conditions it won't be possible to enjoy the sea trip and to admire the wonderful Neapolitan coast from the sea, scheduled for Sunday, but the intense exchange of ideas and comments offered by this important meeting have enriched us all, reconfirming once again our commitment to Rotary and our love for the sea."



## VENTENNALE DELLA FLOTTA DI NAPOLI



Giorni intensi quelli vissuti a Napoli, lo scorso 5 e 6 ottobre, in occasione della Celebrazione del Ventennale della Flotta Italy SW Napoli - Commodoro Nino De Donato, iniziati la sera del cinque ottobre con la Cena di Benvenuto al Club Nautico della Vela, Borgo Marinari a Santa Lucia, dove i partecipanti giunti da ogni parte d'Italia e dalla Spagna, si sono ritrovati con i cari Amici della Flotta Napoletana. L'evento è poi continuato, come da programma, la mattina del 6 con la visita guidata alla Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn, Centro Ricerche di Portici, Granatello, per la "Clinica delle Tartarughe Marine", un momento interessante per immergersi nelle problematiche legate alla salute della fauna marina. A seguire l'interessantissima visita INTERCLUB ad una antica villa Romana distrutta dal terremoto del '79 e recentemente restaurata e... dulcis in fundo, la visita e favoloso rancio speciale a base di pasta presso il Vecchio Pastificio di Gragnano di proprietà di un simpatico imprenditore Rotariano del RC di Capri allietati da due artisti napoletani che ci hanno fatto letteralmente sbellicare dalle risate.

"Buon... VENTI a tutti, questo il motto che accompagna l'International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians, la più antica e più grande delle Fellowship rotariane. Iniziata in Inghilterra nel 1947 e cresciuta fino a 126 flotte, con circa 3685 membri in 44 paesi, con l'unico requisito per aderire di "un interesse attivo nella navigazione." – dichiara il Commodoro della Flotta Italy SW Napoli, Gaetano De Donato, Past Governor del Distretto 2100, nel suo discorso introduttivo alla Celebrazione del Ventennale della Flotta Italy SW Napoli, tenutosi presso il Circolo Ufficiali della Marina Militare di Napoli, nel pomeriggio del sei ottobre, in cui si sono condivise cifre e riflessioni sul futuro delle flotte in tutto il mondo. Presenti oltre al primo Commodoro della Regione Italia e Past Commodore della Flotta di Napoli Franco Clemente, tante delegazioni provenienti: dalla Spagna, guidata dai Past REGION IBERIA Commodori, Carlo d'Amore e Bernardo Rabassa Asenjo; dalla Flotta del Nord Ovest Italia, guidata Past International Commodore Sergio Santi; dalla Flotta di Roma con il Commodoro Luigi Apuzzo; dalla flotta del Sud Est Italia, con il FRC e Segretario della

**La Ruota dell'amicizia IGP...  
ai sapori tricolore**

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invenzione di Antonino Moccia*



**LA RUOTA DELL'AMICIZIA**

La Ruota dell'Amicizia,  
In cucina una vera delizia.  
La sua forma è un ingranaggio  
che ti strega al primo assaggio.  
In cucina stuzzica la fantasia,  
e a tavola unisce in allegria.  
Non è una forma strana,  
ma una ruota rotariana.  
Ciò ti dice di amicizia, gioia e amore,  
buon Appetito con il cuore!

*Antonino Moccia*



Regione Italia, Vincenzo Rinaldi e la Flotta di Salerno con il Commodoro Ernesto Levi. Significativi gli interventi che si sono susseguiti dopo il saluto di Vincenzo Rinaldi, International Special Advisor for Adriatic e Regional Secretary for Italy, e l'introduzione del Commodoro della Flotta di Napoli, Gaetano De Donato. Ad approfondire, infatti, lo Status dell'IYFR a livello Internazionale è stato il PIC Sergio Santi, mentre il ripercorrere i vent'anni della Flotta IYFR di Napoli è stato affidato a Francesco Clemente, tra i fondatori della Flotta e primo REGION COMMODORE per l'Italia dalla rifondazione della Fellowship. A ricordare infine lo Yachting Napoletano un ospite d'eccezione, ovvero il Presidente Benemerito del Real Yacht Club Canottieri Savoia, Pippo Dalla Vecchia. Ai convenuti non è mancato il saluto del DG Salvatore Iovieno, attento alle attività delle Fellowship, che così conclude il suo intervento: "Ho sempre creduto che le Fellowship rotariane, attraverso le attitudini dei propri partecipanti pratichino e promuovono in tutto il mondo gli ideali e i valori rotariani. Il prossimo aprile nel Distretto 2100 si terrà il 4° Meeting delle Fellowship, evento che darà modo di approfondire ancora una volta il valore delle Fellowship, nonché di sottolineare il loro ruolo di far entrare in contatto i Rotariani di tutto il mondo. "Purtroppo a causa del tempo atmosferico non propizio non si è potuto godere dell'uscita in mare per ammirare la meravigliosa costa napoletana dal mare, prevista per domenica sette, ma l'intenso scambio di idee e le riflessioni offerte da quest'importante incontro hanno arricchito tutti noi, riconfermando ancora una volta il nostro impegno per il Rotary e il nostro amore per il mare." – conclude il Commodoro Gaetano De Donato.



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# BALKANS FLEETS REPORT

By Marko Murn, IYFR Regional Commodore for Balkans



**VARNA, FC Dimo Dimov short report:** The Bulgarians used to meet on their boats during sailings on Black Sea. They usually participated on the traditional Mangalia Regatta, which use to be Rotary charity regatta for last 6 years.

As it has become mostly regatta for sailing championship, there are more and more professional sailors. That is why this year, in between 20.-22. July, Rotary's side boats were just 2- one from IYFR Mangalia Squadron and another from IYFR Varna Fleet.



**SLOVENIA, PFC Matjaž Loborec report:**

The fleet has got 25-30 members. It is mostly active from October to May, during non-sailing season, as the members are spread over the inland Rotary clubs. After the successful organization of practical sailing courses with North Adriatic Sailing School last year, in Spring the fleet came back to meetings with interesting guest speakers. They had two presentations with photos from Slovenian Circumnavigators: Srečko Pust sailed first around the World, when he had lost his first boat.

They left Adriatic with their boat for 6 months and returned home only after 6 years circumnavigating around the World and visiting almost all Pacific archipelagos.

Spring finished in May with the tenth regatta Carniola, which was again fully sold out with 160 International Rotary participants. The regatta became so prestige that several international crews are on a waiting list to enter as future attendants.

In July Boris Ninić, marina manager and IYFR Croatia FC organized the meeting of two neighbors fleets with a delicious seafood dinner at marina Betina.

In September there was a Fleet Commodore change. Matjaž Loborec gave the chair to Johannes Krmc for the next two years. In October the representatives of IYFR Slovenia participated on Rotary regatta Zadar and supporting charter of new fleet IYFR Serbia.



After then he bought another Sweden Yacht boat at Scandinavia and spent 4 years sailing far North of Norway. At a warm room we enjoyed observing his very nice, colourful photos from those cold seas in polar circle. Our second guests was a couple: Tone and Vesna Kosi.



## CROATIA, FC Boris Ninić

**report:** For time being the fleet downsized to 18 members. The fleet Bridge officers are businessmen in nautical industry, so they are very busy during their touristic season. FC Boris has participate in regattas "Latin Sail" ("Latinsko idro") at Jezera, Betina, Zlarin, Krpanj, Prvić and Murteru.



FS Gordan Borčilo has let within his charter fleet different activities to promote Rotary ideas and Nautic. So on the Nautic Fair at Biograd the IYFR Croatia fleet had their booth to promote our fellowship. They have organized the 21st traditional Rotary regatta Zadar at the end of September, where 9 boats with 50 participants enjoyed very changeable wind situation.

## BALKANS FLEETS REPORT

The overall winners were Rotarians from RC Portorož, Slovenia on Bavaria-42 Match Race. These sailors have participated on all 21 regattas. The second team was ours - IYFR team on Solaris-53. This is the real fellowship crew of 6 sailors from 6 different Rotary clubs, from 3 different IYFR Fleets, from 3 countries Germany, Slovenia and Croatia.



## SERBIA, Charter of a new IYFR fleet:

Nevertheless SERBIA is the country without sea, Milan Jovanović, the founding Fleet Commodore, has found 30 friends, Rotarians who love

sailing or cruising. Serbia has big rivers of Danube, Sava and Tisa, so part of the fleet are experienced river mariners. They have river cruisers and every year sail along the Danube down to Djerdap or up along Tisa to Szeged. Rivers are constantly changing riverbeds, strong current, shallow water or other obstacles may be find on their cruise. Quite a different situation than on open sea. The other part of the fleet consist on sailors who sail in Aegean, Ionian or Adriatic sea. What we can say is, that this crew gathered Serbian Rotarians from Rotary clubs spread all over the country, from Kikinda on the North to Leskovac on the South, from Šid on the West to Pirot on the East.



The charter took place at Novi Sad, the capital of Vojvodina region, where many nations have coexisted for centuries. Would you believe that within half a million population of the city you can find 42 nations.



Beside Serbian, which is the official language in the whole country, there are five other regional languages in official use: Hungarian, Romanian, Slovak, Rusyn, and Croatian. This gives us a feeling on how rich in nationalities is Serbia.

The solemn ceremony of the IYFR charter took place at a nice restaurant on the Fishermen Island (Ribarsko ostrvo). The ceremony was opened by Mrs. Ljiljana Lainović, the DGE of Serbia, giving the word to Robert Burns, Area-1 Commodore and Marko Murn, Regional Commodore, who together with Ann Lockhart led the official part of the program.



Beside a hundred of Rotarians from Serbia and Bulgaria we had IYFR guests from neighbor fleets of Slovenia, Hellenic North Aegean and Hellenic Aegean fleets. Unfortunately we missed the Croatian friends, who also announced their arrival, but should cancel it in last hours.



It was a great party with excellent music band Lucky Cash, experts on guitar, cimbal, violin and vocal. Freshly assigned Fleet Commodore, Milan showed his talent of singing with the band, while the Fleet Vice Commodore Dragan with his wife Vesna showed us local dances. Our Serbian friends organized a pleasant and dynamic program for all guests.



Take a look here [www.youtube.com/watch?v=f\\_PmwNfOtos](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_PmwNfOtos). Photos can give you some impression of the charter, but what we cannot explain here is the wealth of the musical side of the charter and following program. We are happy that our fellowship is now richer with a new enthusiastic fleet, which will bring us music while sailing along.

## BALKANS FLEETS REPORT

So the day after the charter a cute young guide led us through Novi Sad downtown and to Sremski Karlovci, the important place of Serbian Ortodox church, where we visited private winery Vinum. The host prepared us a typical local farmers lunch, we tasted his best wines and while enjoying live music of the guitar orchestra. For the evening they transferred us to Belgrade, where we were guests on the Serbian district governor party on Skadarlija. Another great dinner, dance and music, this time with trumpeters band. Next day, Dragan Bajer hosted Scottish and Greek guests with a pleasant cruise along the river Sava and Danube around the city of Belgrade, while Slovenians observed the start of Novi Sad marathon and tasted delicious cakes on the sunny streets.



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# IYFR SWISS FLEET SAILING SOLENT 2018



On the end of August, the IYFR-Swiss fleet spend a fantastic week on the south coast of England.

With four match 40, well equipped, sporty sailboats, a group of 19 Rotarians and a local skipper sailed from Port Solent over Cowes, Isle of Wight - Lymington - Weymouth - Poole - Bucklers Hard and Beaulieu river through the Needles Channel back to Port Solent.

With perfect weather and winds, we enjoyed the challenge to navigate in tidal waters. This experience was impressive and educational for all of us.

With the help of our local guide we found beautiful harbors to stay for the nights as well as excellent restaurants for dining.

At the end of the week all of the participants agreed that it was perfect week and the region definitely worth it to come back.



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# SCPC INCLUSION SAILING REGATTA AND SUMMER MEETING

By Raphaela Stricker ,Germany South Fleet FC 2018/19

When I was starting to think about the summer meeting organization 14 th- 16th September 2018, I wanted to combine it with a charity regatta. I was lucky to come across the Sailing Club Prien at Lake Chiemsee - SCPC in short.

SCPC is the only Paralympic Training Center in Germany which offers sailing courses for people with and without handicap who sail together national and international contests as far as the Paralympic Games. The handicapped sailors have been awarded with national and international prizes. The SCPC has the largest fleet of 2.4 and Sonar for handicapped sailors in Germany and literally live Inclusion Sailing.

Since the Paralympic Committee has suspended sailing sport from their program, the SCPC lacks 50 % of financial support through our government. By the end of this year the Paralympic Committee decides whether they will include the sailing sport again so that the earliest participation would be the Paralympic Games in 2024.



Therefore I have chosen to support this very unique club for the Fleet Germany South 2018 Summer Meeting. 25 Rotarians/IYForians took part. 20 of them raced together with handicapped sailors over the Lake Chiemsee in good winds. The first 3 prizes went to a crew of handicapped and non-handicapped sailors.

We raised 2000 EUR that day and yesterday my Rotary Club Altötting-Burghausen donated another EUR 1000. Since Rotarians from 8 different Rotary Clubs took part I asked them to transport their experience with the SCPC, its highly engaged members and the unique atmosphere into their homeclubs in order to raise financial support for this training center. Hopefully other Rotary Clubs as well as other IYForian fleets join this great project.

This unique training center with its people truly deserve Rotarians/ IYForians support as they all live according to our Rotarian motto:

**SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

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# ROTARY VII REGATTA "DJERDAP 2018"



By Dragan I. Brajer Serbian Fleet Vice Commodore

This year, for the seventh time in a row Rotarians of District 2483 organized a Regatta of relaxation and entertainment, this time along the Danube all the way to Tekija, departing from Marina "Vidra" on the seventh kilometer of the Sava River, and navigating on the Tamiš and Velika Morava Rivers, in total 450 km of which 225 km were upstream and the same length of kilometers downstream. The Regatta lasted for 17 days (the longest up to now), out of which 10 days were spent navigating, and seven days were the days of fun at berths – without navigation.

The Regatta took place under the slogan: "LET'S CLEAN OUR RIVERS" in accordance with Rotary focus on the provision of "Clean Waters", as a necessary and irreplaceable resource for the survival of the entire life on the planet Earth.

10 vessels in total, with about thirty crew members took part in the Regatta.

On the previous day of the Regatta departure, we enjoyed the traditional farewell from the Marina "Vidr". The initiative meeting was held dedicated to the IYFR (International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians) Serbia foundation.



○ THE FLEET FOUNDERS

On the same date, Thursday, 12 July 2018, a dinner was organized at 08.00 p.m. to bid farewell to the Regatta. Live music performed by a rock orchestra "Ha durovi" contributed greatly to enjoyable entertainment.

Precisely as planned, the navigation started on Friday, 12 July. The first destination was Pančevo.

The Regatta was welcomed by RC Pančevo, host with a large number of Rotarians from about ten clubs, including the guests from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Slovenia

Socialization and dinner was organized in the beer hall "Đorđe Vajfer". An orchestra played during dinner contributing to the pleasant atmosphere.

Chief cook was France Presetnik (RC Pančevo) who prepared delicious fish stew, while a large quantity of barbecued meat prepared for those who didn't like fish. Local wine "Presetnik" was served, and the final course was poppy-seed and nuts strudel ...



○ PREPARING FISH STEW IN PANČEVO

Next day, before the Regatta continued its navigation, Pančevo Rotarians also organized a collective breakfast consisting of "kran" sausages, a gift of our friends from Slovenia.



○ AWAITING "KRANJ" SAUSAGES...

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On the second day, the Regatta was scheduled to navigate to Smederevo. The berth was at the private dock of the navigation expert Zoran Kuzmanović (RC Smederevo), on the site located directly on the Danube bank, where is also located the artistic workshop (with a foundry) and the Kuzmanović family house.



○ THE YARD AND SCULPTOR ATELIER OF ZORAN KUZMANOVIĆ

The Regatta was welcomed by a chamber trio of young talents.



○ CHAMBER TRIO WELCOMING THE REGATTA IN SMEDEREVO



○ WITH RC SMEDEREVO MEMBERS



○ PART OF THE REGATTA TEAM

Cleaning of the river bank was organized. A rich fish-based lunch, and later the dinner were organized by the hosts: Rot. Zoran Kuzmanovic and his wife Nataša. At this occasion Zoran was talking about the sights of this city on the Danube.



○ CLEANING OF THE RIVER BANK IN SMEDEREVO

After collective breakfast, on the third day of the Regatta we were sailing towards Dubovačka Ada (Miloš Gaj – „Raj“ Beach). On the way downstream the Danube, the Regatta entered the Velika Morava River to support publicly the construction of the multi-purpose system "Danibe, Morava, Vardar, Aegean Sea".



○ A PART OF THE REGATTA IN MILOŠEV GAJ ON THE "RAJ" BEACH

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The day was dedicated to swimming in warm and clean water from the nearby lake that had been formed by exploitation of coal and gravel.

On the fourth day the Regatta continued the trip to Veliko Gradište – Srebrno jezero (Silver Lake), sailing by Kostolac, the Mlava River confluence, Ada Žilovo, Zavojska Ada and Ada Čibuklija – all the way to Ram. – Sailing by Ada Čibuklija is always exciting as there is a danger of sudden wind, because the Danube is running there in the direction of "košava" (a cold, very squally southeastern wind found in Serbia and some nearby countries), and because there is a part of about ten kilometers in the open space, expose to winds without any shelter. We were lucky, there was no wind so that sailing was calm and pleasant.

In Ram, we were cordially welcomed by our host, Mr. Živorad Sekulić, a ferryman and owner of the restaurant on the bank of the Danube where we were all served a welcome drink.



WELCOME DRINK IN RAM

It then followed a visit of Karavan saraj and of the Ram fortress, both currently undergoing a detailed reconstruction. The Ram fortress was built in 1483 by order of sultan Bayezid the Second. The reconstruction is financed and carried out by Turkey.

Each stone is manually cleaned from plants and sediments of earth and rinsed with water, and then built into by lime binding material used in the Middle Ages, which is still produced in Turkey only.

Up to now, EUR 1.2 million have been invested in the reconstruction. Construction of a big quay has also been planned. Cruisers will be able to come ashore and tourists will have an opportunity to see these historical monument.



REGATTA MEMBERS AT THE FORTRESS

After the visit paid to the fortress, the sailing continued beside the ferry crossing by which Ram on the right bank of the Danube connected with the Danube-Tizsa-Danube channel at Stara Palanka on the left bank and the confluence of the Nera River from which the left bank belongs to Romania and the right one to Serbia.



FERRY AT RAM

The berth at Srebrno Jezero (Silver Lake) was in the well-equipped marina, with water and electricity connections, clean toilettes and shower cabins with warm water



MEMBERS OF RC VELIKO GRADIŠTE ORGANIZED A CORDIAL WELCOME TO THE REGATA WITH THE TRADITIONAL BREAD AND SALT.

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The next was a "free" day- there was no sailing. Some Regatta participants passed the day walking along the arranged bank of Srebrno jezero where pleasant cafes can be found. Other participants went sightseeing, while the children spent this day in the nearby Aqua park.



○ PROMENADE AT SREBRNO JEZERO



○ AQUA PARK

On the sixth day, the Regatta sailed to Golubac and Donji Milanovac (The Porečka River). The voyage plan was changed when the Regatta arrived at Golubac where it had been planned to land and take a visit to the local fortress . Unfortunately, it was not possible to land because of a cruiser berthed there when due to safety reason other vessels are not allowed to land. Nevertheless, we enjoyed the width of the Danube and the extraordinary sight of the Fortress down from the river level.



○ GOLUBAC FORTRESS

After Golubac, the Regatta entered the Golubac Canyon – entrance to the Djerdap Canyon (Iron Gate).

On the right-hand side the archeological site "Lepenski Vir" appeared, where the Regatta didn't stop, as there is no appropriate dock. The Regatta also passed by Donji Milanovac and in early afternoon hours sailed into the Porečka River where it stayed for two days.

The Porečka River is a small clear river that joins the Danube. However, after the construction of the Djerdap hydro-power plant the water level raised so much that at the place where it joins the Danube a big expanded surface of water was created – almost a lake. The Porečka River is only two kilometers far downstream from Donji Milanovac (taxi takes you there for 200 dinars only), but is fully sheltered so that there is no fear of winds or waves created by big vessels



○ AT THE BERTH AT THE POREČKA RIVER

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Collective dinner was organized at the national cuisine restaurant in Donji Milanovac.

The next day was dedicated to swimming, walking and purchasing in D. Milanovac. There were also preparations for the evening entertainment of the Regatta members. Meat, onion, potatoes, stew spices, plus fresh bread, tomatoes and cabbage for salads were bought.

Preparation of the stew started in early afternoon hours in the yard and under the porch of the weekend house of our host. Stew was prepared in a special tank with gas burner enclosed by inox cylinder on which the tank leans heavily so that it is very stable and can't be affected by the wind. Most of the Regatta participants were rotating in stirring the stew as it had not been envisaged to turn around on a tripod like in Pančevo.



○ THE YOUNGEST PARTICIPANTS

On the eighth day we sailed further to the east, through the most attractive part of our navigation – the 35 km long Djerdap Canyon: from the Porečka River to final destination – Tekija. The Regatta passed by Veliko and Malo Golubinje, through Veliki and Mali Kazan, by "Hajdučka vodenica", all the way to Trajan Plaque.

The greatest measured depth in the Canyon was 85 meters, although some say that even 90 meters can be measured!



○ ENTERING THE MAGNIFICENT CANYON



○ DECEBAL, THE GUARD OF DJERDAP



○ TRAJAN PLAQUE



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Arrival to final destination, Tekija, was about 15:00 h as scheduled.

The Regatta members were rather disappointed by what they saw upon coming: unattended, dirty marina covered by grass, which seemed absolutely abandoned. There is a dispute in terms of who owns this facility. This situation happens because of local inhabitants who berth their boats there without any obligation to clean anything. These persons don't care about clean rivers and nautical tourism in Serbia. The poor condition of the marina was decisive for changing the plan and going back to the Porečka River the next day instead of staying in Tekija for three days.

Luckily, our good mood was not spoiled by this disappointment. All credit goes to "Joca Krofna" ("Joca the Doughnut"), our attentive host and his family, who run a pleasant restaurant on the beach.



○ ATMOSPHERE WITH JOCA THE DOUGHNUT DURING THE DAY

Most of the Regatta participants left for the Porečka River the next morning. The author of this report stayed one night longer in order to wait for fresh doughnuts for the Regatta participants who had left, and he would reach the next day at the Porečka River.

Boat brothy beans" were cooked during the navigation. The recipe consists in a beans broth prepared with the pieces of "Njegus" smoked ham instead of with sausages or smoked ribs. Ahhh ... what a nice smell ...

Next berthing after the Porečka River was again in the marina in Veliko Gradište.

Our Regatta then met the Regatta "Reka", organized successfully for the last couple of years by the tourist organization of Stara Pazova. Participants of the two Regattas spent the evening together with the "Kod kapetana" tavern. Among about thirty members of the Regatta we met also Kole, captain of the 15 meters long boat "Milanani", which had also participated earlier for several years in our Regatta. He organized us a memorable party on his vessel:



○ "MILANANI"

Further voyage of the Regatta proceeded, as in the previous years, rather „unconventionally“: some were hurrying to go back home, while others had their own plans (fishing) ... Author of this report does not know what happened with other participants, but, here is one photo that reflects the atmosphere in this person's boat:



○ FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: SOFIA, CHARLY & VESNA

See you at next Rotary Regatta VIII in 2019, on some of our navigable rivers or Canals in Vojvodina – this time probably in organization of IYFR Serbia.

August, 2018



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# HAVOC IN THE GULF RAPALLO OCTOBER 29 2018

By PIC Sergio Santi



Old people here say never in the last 70-80 years something like this happened. In 2000, a very strong gale from South East caused the loss of a few yachts in the whole Tigullio, waves flooding the harbors after having overtaken the breakwaters. And that, I remember, seemed something very extraordinary; until Sunday night.

On October 29, we were in RED ALERT for heavy rain and a strong gale but nobody could think of such a raging intensity of the elements. In the afternoon the wind started blowing around 40 – 50 KTS, quite unusual in the beautiful Gulf where people come to spend their winters attracted by the particularly mild weather conditions. Until five days before it had been an exceptional Autumn, with late summer temperatures, calm seas and clear skies. Then, at the end, the real Autumn arrived with heavy rain and some strong gales. Nothing though when compared with the rest of Italy that had to experience extended flooding and destroying gale force winds.

Two nights before Laura had prepared a wonderful risotto for our IYFORIAN friends Luigi Norsa, Nicola Manes and their wives Anna Rita and Gabriella, the dinner had been most pleasant and they had left our house by 01:30 AM. In spite of the weather alert, preparations were underway for the next long holidays. There was no sign of what would happen in less than 48 hours.

The weather started deteriorating in the afternoon, from my bridge I could see the waves building up in height but the breakwaters were still holding the impact. My old barometers showed a terribly severe low pressure that suggested nothing good could be expected. The wind kept blowing at 40 – 50 KTS and the seas rising.

Early in the night, both the wind and the waves reached the force and height of a severe gale. In the nearby Capo Noli the weather registered a height of 10 meters and the wind station 98 KTS. Unknown conditions in Italy. By 23:00, the havoc was completed: the waves, probably 8-9 meters high, hammered away 80% of the concrete walls of the breakwaters, poured into the harbor and 211 yachts out of 335



moored at that moment in the Carlo Riva Port, were torn off their moorings, crashed one into the other and sunk in the harbor. Some, lifted by the force of the seas, were crashed on top of the piers. The disaster was total: collisions, masts entangled, bumps against the docks caused the first sinkings of the yachts now whirlpooling in the basin.



## HAVOC IN THE GULF RAPALLO OCTOBER 29 2018



Others were pushed out of the harbor only to sink outside in the gulf or to become beached wrecks over the famous Rapallo palm promenade. We could also find some jammed into the mouth of a small river near the sixteenth century Castle. The bridge of the Castle itself was blown away by the force of the waves. The bigger and mega yachts moored closer to the entrance, forced outside by the waves, went immediately aground or were beached over hills of rubble, debris, chunk of eradicated trees, plastic wrecks, life jackets, empty plastic bottles and crushed hulls. Needless to say tragedy was total.

A real apocalypse was reported by the 20 Mariners and Captains trapped on the eastern pier after the collapse of the breakwater. They survived the elements rage after evacuating



their out of control yachts, because they tied themselves with ropes to the light poles of the pier. They were saved one by one, in severe hypothermia conditions, by the brave Crews of the local Coast Guard who, on their rubber dinghies, succeeded in doing this sort of miracle. If it weren't because of these young Officers and Sailors, we could now be counting casualties.



Ten days after the havoc the wrecks are in process of being removed; the sunk ones will be lift and remove. The harbor will be reconstruct but ... like rebuilding the picturesque road to Portofino, blown away the same night, it will take a long time. And winter is approaching.

IYFR ITALY is investigating, with the Coast Guard help, on how to support best those fishermen in need that have lost their only means of sustenance.



*Howl.*

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# GOOD NEWS FOR OUR FELLOWSHIP SEA SCOUTS

By Walter Eaglehurst U. RC West Latin America

The Sea Scout Program that began four years ago, with the Chilean fleet Puerto Varas, has given many fruits. Today there are three Brigades: "Brigada Piloto Pardo" in Chile , "Brigade Almirante Germán Yopez" in Ecuador " Punta del Este Brigade "in Uruguay.

Since its creation, they have been present as exhibitors at three Rotary World Conventions: Sao Paulo Brazil 2015, Korea Seoul 2016, and Atlanta 2017. They have also had an outstanding participation, in the AGM of Punta del Este 2017, and the Chile Patagonia 2018 AGM. On top of this, they have been awarded with scholarships to participate in three Tall Ships International Regattas, first in the "Regatta Ireland Norway Denmark 2015", as crew aboard the great Tall ship "Alexander Von Humboldt" in Germany, and in 2016, they embarked the "Christian Radich" Norwegian School Ship , to participate in the Belgium-Cádiz Regatta, and the Canada 2017 Regatta on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the founding of Canada, again on board of the "Alexander Von Humboldt".

In March 2018, the first international cruise of Scout Brigades in Chilean Patagonia was carried out aboard two vessels, the sailboat Punta Sur a Beneteau 53.7 feet , and in the Long Range Motor Yacht "Terranova" of 65 feet. In that opportunity, the scouts performed all the tasks on board: sailor watch, helmsmen, radio operators, navigators and captain, beside the basic tasks of cooking and cleaning on board.



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In Ecuador the first Marine Scout Brigades International Camp was held in July 2018 at San Francisco del Cabo, with the assistance of scouts from Chile and Ecuador, where the first Inclusive South America Sailing School was created, working with Optimist sailboats, for teaching the sailing discipline to vulnerable children.

The Sea Scout program has been part of a larger project in Ecuador, where the whole community, parents, and authorities work together to develop an important program: "Transform a Town through children", project that has begun with the aim of transforming San Francisco del Cabo town completely. A town which was totally forgotten and far away from civilization.

During these 4 years of existence, the Sea Scouts have gained the affection of our fellowship members, especially the authorities of the International Bridge. One of the concerns they were worried about was the use of our Fellowship logo in Scouts uniforms, as a sponsoring institution, a situation that was resolved and authorized by the Rotary International authorities, specifically by the International Fellowships Coordinator.



The nautical activity, like any other sport or outdoor activity, is not exempt from possible accidents that may occur. A document was drawn up that conceives safeguards to avoid undue responsibilities, in case of the occurrence of these.

The legal advisor of our Fellowship in England, thanks to the valuable management of our International Commodore Guillermo Arteta, has reviewed this document, and has endorsed it, preparing a report which recognizes as valid and adequate.

So it should not be surprising that in the short term, the Sea Scout program is officially recognized as the service program of our fellowship. On top all this, we add the enthusiasm of our Past International Commodore Jun Avecilla, who is working in the Philippines to create the first Sea Scout Brigade in the country, and the Fleet of Catania, squadron Sicily - Malta, which has begun to form a new brigade, in addition to the work they are already doing for the same purposes in the Haifa Israel Fleet.

These places were visited by Walter Eaglehurst from the Sea Scouts of Chile, and Marcelo Arteaga from the Sea Scouts of Ecuador, to promote the beautiful program that seeks to train healthy children and young people, with the high values of Rotary spirit service, through the teaching of sailing.



*Walter Eaglehurst U.  
Regional Commodore  
West Latin America*

## BUENAS NOTICIAS PARA LOS SCOUTS MARINOS DE NUESTRA AGRUPACIÓN

El Programa de Scouts marinos que inició hace 4 años la flota Chile Puerto Varas, ha rendido muchos frutos. Hoy existen tres Brigadas: en Chile la "Brigada Piloto Pardo", en Ecuador "Brigada Almirante Germán Yopez" y en Uruguay, la "Brigada Punta del Este".

Desde su creación los Scouts Marinos, han estado presentes como expositores en tres convenciones Mundiales de Rotary: Sao Paulo Brasil 2015, Korea Seúl 2016, y Atlanta 2017. A nivel Regional también han tenido una destacada participación haciéndose presentes en el AGM de Punta del Este, el AGM Chile Patagonia.

También han sido becados para participar en tres Regatas Internacionales de Tall Ships: primero en la "Regata Irlanda .Noruega Dinamarca 2015"; como tripulantes a bordo del gran velero "Alexander Von Humboldt" de Alemania; luego en el 2016, se embarcaron en el "Christian Radich" Buque Escuela Noruego para participar en la Regata Bélgica -Cádiz, y en la Regata Canadá 2017 con ocasión de los 200 años de la fundación de Canadá, nuevamente abordo del "Alexander Von Humboldt".



En Marzo 2018 se realizó el primer crucero internacional de Brigadas de Scouts en la Patagonia Chilena a bordo de dos embarcaciones, el velero Punta Sur un Beneteau de 53,7 pies y en el Long Range Motor Yacht "Terranova" de 65 pies. En esa oportunidad, los scouts realizaron todas las tareas a bordo: vigías, timoneles, bitácoras, radio operadores, navegantes y capitán, aparte de las labores básicas de cocina y limpieza abordo.

En Ecuador en el mes Julio de 2018, en la localidad San Francisco del Cabo se realizó con mucho éxito, el primer campamento Internacional de Brigadas Scouts Marinos, con asistencia de scouts de Chile y Ecuador.



### BUENAS NOTICIAS PARA LOS SCOUTS MARINOS DE NUESTRA AGRUPACIÓN



Allí se creó la primera escuela de Vela Inclusiva de Sudamérica, que funciona con veleros de la clase Optimist destinadas a la enseñanza de la disciplina de la vela para niños vulnerables.

Cabe mencionar que también en Ecuador el programa de los Scouts marinos ha sido parte de un proyecto mayor, donde participa toda la comunidad, incluyendo padres, y autoridades, trabajando unidos para el desarrollo de un importante programa: "Transformar un Pueblo a través de los niños". Este proyecto ya ha comenzado a transformar completamente el pueblo de San Francisco del Cabo el cual se encontraba totalmente alejado y olvidado de la civilización.

Durante estos 4 años de vida, los Scouts marinos se han ganado el cariño de todos los miembros de nuestra agrupación, especialmente de las autoridades del Puente Internacional. Una de las inquietudes que preocupaban, era respecto al uso del logo de nuestra Fellowship en los uniformes scouts como institución patrocinadora, situación que quedó resuelta y fué autorizada por las autoridades de Rotary International, específicamente por la Coordinadora Internacional de Fellowships.

Dado que la actividad náutica, como cualquier otra actividad deportiva o al aire libre, no está exenta de eventuales

accidentes que pueden ocurrir, se elaboró un documento que concibe salvaguardas para no tener responsabilidades indebidas, en el caso de la ocurrencia de estos. El asesor jurídico de nuestra Fellowship en Inglaterra-gracias a la valiosa gestión de nuestro Comodoro Internacional Guillermo Arteta-ha revisado este documento, y lo ha visado, elaborando un informe el cuál reconoce como válido y adecuado. Por lo que no nos debería extrañar que a corto plazo, el programa de los Sea Scouts sea reconocido oficialmente como el programa de servicio de nuestra agrupación. Sumado a todo esto, se agrega el entusiasmo de nuestro Past Comodoro Internacional Jun AVECILLA, quien está trabajando en Filipinas para crear la primera Brigada de Sea Scouts del país, y de la Flota de Catania, escuadrón Sicilia-Malta, que ha comenzado a formar una nueva brigada. A todo esto se agrega además el trabajo que ya están realizando con los mismos fines en la Flota de Haifa Israel, lugares que fueron visitados por Walter Eaglehurst de Scouts Marinos de Chile y Marcelo Arteaga de los Scouts Marinos de Ecuador, para promover el hermoso programa que busca formar niños y jóvenes sanos, con los altos valores del espíritu de servicio Rotario, a través de la enseñanza de la náutica.

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# ACTIVITIES PERFORMED BY “DELTA FLEET” BETWEEN JULY AND NOVEMBER 2018

By Miriam Caudullo RC, Latin American East



○ PART OF THE FIRST AID COURSE ATTENDANTS  
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Delta Fleet, beginning the year 2018/2019, has carried out three service projects for the community.

**CHAGAS-MAZA.** Carried out together with San Fernando’s Rotary Club; a blood donation campaign took place with Sarmiento Hematological Foundation support. Approximately 40 blood donors volunteers participated in one morning. The task carried out by the Delta Fleet during this event consisted on distributing brochures with Chagas Maza disease information. This activity has been carried out together with Rio de la Plata Fleet since 2017/2018.

**REGATTA “FRAGATA LIBERTAD” PRIZE.** The second project, which started during the previous period, was the the first place award . The prize was given to the winners in general classification at Regatta"Frágata Libertad" . This project was supported by the Las Barrancas Yacht and Fishing Club.

**FIRST AID AND CPR IN ISLANDS.** Also concredited during the previous period, this third project was carried out together with instructors of the Argentine Red Cross, San Fernando branch, and consisted on a first aid course in Kindergarten 912 and Secondary School Number 25 located in the Arroyo Durazno and Canal La Serna, Second Section of islands of the

Paraná Delta, San Fernando. The course was aimed for parents, teachers, staff, and crew of passenger boats which transport students ,school staff, and students in the last year of high school. It was a day of intense training where participants could learn basic first aid regarding situations such as injuries, burns and, fundamentally, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) maneuvers. While the course was being develop, the children of Kindergarten 912 painted our Fellowship pennant.



○ RCP ALONG RED CROSS  
*REALIZANDO EJERCICIOS DE RCP UN ALUMNO DEL COLEGIO SECUNDARIO JUNTO A UN INSTRUCTOR DE LA CRUZ ROJA.*



ACTIVITIES PERFORMED BY “DELTA FLEET”  
BETWEEN JULY AND NOVEMBER 2018



○ FRAGATA LIBERTAD AWARD  
ENTREGA DEL PREMIO “FRAGATA LIBERTAD” EN EL CLUB NÁUTICO  
Y DE PESCA LAS BARRANCAS.

**MEETINGS. PROGRAMS.** We cant close all these achievements without mentioning the camaraderie meetings which always take place around friendship and companionship. During our last meeting held to date, our Rear Commodore, Prefect General Carlos Barrios Cardozo, of the Naval Prefecture of Argentina, gave us a lecture on the control that the institution performs on the continental submarine platform in order to protect national natural resources.

ACTIVIDADES REALIZADA POR  
“FLOTA DELTA” ENTRE JULIO  
Y NOVIEMBRE DE 2018

Flota Delta, comenzando el año 2018/2019, ha realizado tres trabajos de servicios hacia la comunidad.

**CHAGAS-MAZA.** El primero de ellos, se llevó a cabo junto con el Rotary Club de San Fernando; se realizó una campaña de donación de sangre junto con la Fundación Hematológica Sarmiento; en tal ocasión, en una mañana se consiguieron aproximadamente 40 dadores voluntarios de sangre. La tarea realizada por la Flota Delta durante dicho evento consistió en la difusión de folletos con información sobre la enfermedad de Chagas Maza, tarea que desde 2017/2018 realiza junto con la Flota Río de la Plata.

**PREMIO REGATA “FRAGATA LIBERTAD”.** El segundo de los proyectos concretados, que tuvo su origen durante el período anterior, fue la entrega del premio al primer puesto en la clasificación general en la regata “Fragata Libertad” realizada por el Club Náutico y de pesca Las Barrancas.



○ LEARNING TO USE THE DESFIBRILLATOR  
EL INSTRUCTOR DE LA CRUZ ROJA ENSEÑANDO EL USO DEL  
DISFIBRILADOR.



○ RED CROSS INSTRUCTOR  
INSTRUCTORA DE LA CRUZ ROJA, EN LA PRIMER PARTE DEL CURSO.



○ IYFR AT KINDERGARDEN - NIÑOS DEL JARDIN DE INFANTES, DIBUJANDO NUESTRO GALLARDETE.

**PRIMEROS AUXILIOS Y RCP EN ISLAS.** En la continuidad de la tarea desarrollada durante el período anterior, se llevó a cabo, junto con instructores de la Cruz Roja Argentina, filial San Fernando, un curso sobre primeros auxilios en el Jardín de Infantes 912 y la escuela secundaria 25 ubicados en el Arroyo Durazno y Canal La Serna, segunda sección de islas del Delta de Paraná, Partido de San Fernando; el curso fue orientado hacia padres, docentes, personal de maestranza, tripulación de las lanchas de pasajeros que transportan a los alumnos y personal de las escuelas, y alumnos del último año del colegio secundario. Fue una jornada de intensa capacitación donde los participantes pudieron aprender los primeros auxilios básicos frente a situaciones tales como heridas, quemaduras y,

fundamentalmente maniobras de Reanimación Cardiopulmonar (RCP). Mientras se desarrollaba el curso los niños del Jardín de Infantes 912 pintaron el gallardete de nuestra Agrupación.

**REUNIONES. PROGRAMAS.** Todo ello sin contar con la realización de las reuniones de camaradería donde, por supuesto, abunda la amistad y el compañerismo. En la última de las reuniones realizadas a la fecha, nuestro Contra Comodoro, Prefecto General Carlos Barrios Cardozo de la Prefectura Naval Argentina, nos brindó una disertación sobre el control que realiza la institución sobre la plataforma continental submarina con el fin de proteger los recursos naturales de nuestro país.



○ BLOOD DONORS CAMPAIGN - CON EL ROTARY CLUB DE SAN FERNANDO EN LA CAMPAÑA DE DONACIÓN DE SANGRE Y REALIZANDO EL TRABAJO DE INFORMACIÓN SOBRE ENFERMEDAD DE CHAGAS MAZA.

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# THE AMERICAS OF ROTARY ON BOARD OF THE ARC GLORIA.

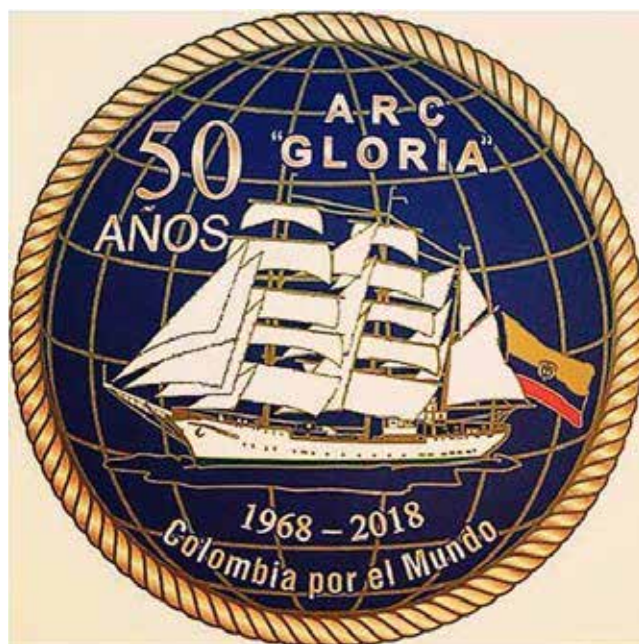
By Amaury Benedetti, Cartagena de Indias Fleet Colombia

A timid Rotary Club of Cartagena initiative dated more than 30 years ago, aim to get Rotarians from around the world to visit Colombian Navy School Ship takes us this year to a new and extraordinary Nautical-Rotary experience from Belen in Brazil to Norfolk, Virginia in the U.S.

This year, which also matches SAIL 2018-an event that takes place in the Americas every 4 years with the participation of many sailboats schools from the region countries and from friendly nations- Gloria, as it is amicably known, in his 50 years sailing the seas of the world, has served again as an excellent Rotary ambassador in practically all and each of the ports visited.



○ URUGUAY, VISITA DE LA FLOTA DE PUNTA DEL ESTE



○ LOGO GLORIA

The call was made by the Rotary Club of Cartagena, and the Rotarians attendance in each port couldn't be better! The best experience description was probably the one shared by Lieutenant Fernando Romero, Head of Deck aboard Gloria; who assumed as its own the mission to receive Rotarians and Rotary Mariners of the IYFR Fleets. Lieutenant Romero said he "was really moved by the rich visit of the Rotarians, the great enthusiasm and interest in the ARC Gloria, Colombia, and especially the members of IYFR who, impeccably uniformed, felt truly seamen and women on board of ARC Gloria." He also added that "he had the chance to understand the meaning of Rotary International and the great role of Rotary clubs as service architects for those most in need. I did not know the amazing tasks Rotary does!"

The Magic of Rotary is real! Friendship is tangible in each and every one of us and it is only to mention that we are Rotarians to open doors and create lasting and sincere opportunities for friendship. We did not have barriers with

THE AMERICAS OF ROTARY ON BOARD OF THE ARC GLORIA.



PERU, FLOTA INKA CALLAO

languages or distances, nor with the lack of knowledge about which doors to touch to get Rotarians from places as distant from our daily lives as it was Bethlehem, Ushuaia or Punta Arenas and more than 10,000 kilometers to the North, Norfolk, Virginia. It was just to mention "we need Rotarians from a port to visit the Gloria" and we always had one or several Rotanauts or Rotarians with the information to contact.

The presence of our beloved IYFR was of course impeccable! The Uruguayan Fleet, Delta and Rio de la Plata Fleets of Argentina, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia and Mexico stood out in the Gloria elegantly uniformed and generating a positive impact before the officers on board. Lieutenant Romero joined us at our last meeting telling us about his experience and delivering 32 pennants of Rotary or IYFR Clubs that visited the ARC GLORIA.



INTERCAMIO DE GALLARDETES CON EL COMODORO DE LA FLOTA INKA CALLAO PERU ROLY DÁVILA



BUENOS AIRES\_ EL IC GUILLERMO ARTETA AL MANDO DEL GLORIA

The invitation is open for Rotarians from each country to achieve similar agreements with their respective flagships and thus exponentially multiply our spirit of friendship and vocation to service for the most needed. IYFR, we are Rotary in the seas of the World!

## LAS AMÉRICAS DE ROTARY A BORDO DEL ARC GLORIA.

Una tímida iniciativa del Club Rotario de Cartagena de hace más de 30 años para lograr que los rotarios del mundo visiten al Buque Escuela de la Armada Colombiana, nos lleva este año a una nueva y extraordinaria experiencia Náutico-Rotaria desde Belén en Brasil hasta Norfolk, Virginia en los Estados Unidos.

Este año, que además coincidió con el SAIL 2018, evento que se realiza por los mares de América cada 4 años con la participación de muchos veleros escuelas de los países de la región y de naciones amigas, el Gloria, como amigablemente se conoce en el medio naval, en sus 50 años surcando los mares del mundo, ha servido nuevamente como un excelente embajador Rotario en prácticamente todos y cada uno de los puertos visitados.



○ ARGENTINA, USHUAHIA CIUDAD MÁS AUSTRAL DEL MUNDO



○ ARC GLORIA EN NAVEGACION



○ ECUADOR\_INTERAMBIO DE GALLARDETES CON LA FLOTA DE GUAYAQUIL

La convocatoria realizada por el Club Rotario de Cartagena, a los rotarios en cada puerto no pudo ser mejor! La descripción más acertada de la experiencia nos la compartió el Teniente Fernando Romero, Jefe de Cubierta abordo del Gloria; quien asumió como propia la misión de recibir a los rotarios y rotanautas de las Flotas IYFR. En propias palabras del Teniente Romero "realmente quedé abrumado por la nutrida visita de los rotarios, el gran entusiasmo e interés sobre el ARC Gloria, Colombia y muy especialmente de los miembros de IYFR que impecablemente uniformados se sintieron verdaderamente hombres y mujeres de mar a bordo del ARC Gloria." Teniente Romero agregó que "tuvo la oportunidad de entender el sentido de Rotary International y del gran papel de los clubes rotarios como artífices de servicio por los más necesitados. No sabía todo lo que hacía Rotary!"

La Magia de Rotary es real! La amistad es palpable en todos y cada uno de nosotros y es solo mencionar que somos rotarios para abrirnos puertas y crear duraderas y sinceras oportunidades de amistad. No tuvimos barreras con los idiomas ni con las distancias, ni con la falta de conocimiento en cuanto a las puertas a tocar para lograr convocar a los rotarios de sitios tan distantes de nuestras vidas cotidianas como fue Belén, Ushuaia o Punta Arenas y a más de 10,000 kilómetros al Norte, Norfolk, Virginia. Era solo mencionar "necesitamos que los rotarios de un puerto visiten al Gloria" para que aparecieran uno o varios Rotanautas o Rotarios con el dato de a quienes contactar.

La presencia de nuestra querida IYFR no se hizo esperar! La Flotas de Uruguay, Delta y Río de la Plata de Argentina, Chile, Perú, Ecuador, Colombia y México se destacaron en el Gloria elegantemente uniformados y generando un positivo impacto ante los oficiales de abordo.

El Teniente Romero nos acompañó en nuestra pasada reunión contando sus experiencia y entregándonos 32 gallardetes de Clubs rotarios o de IYFR que visitaron el ARC GLORIA.

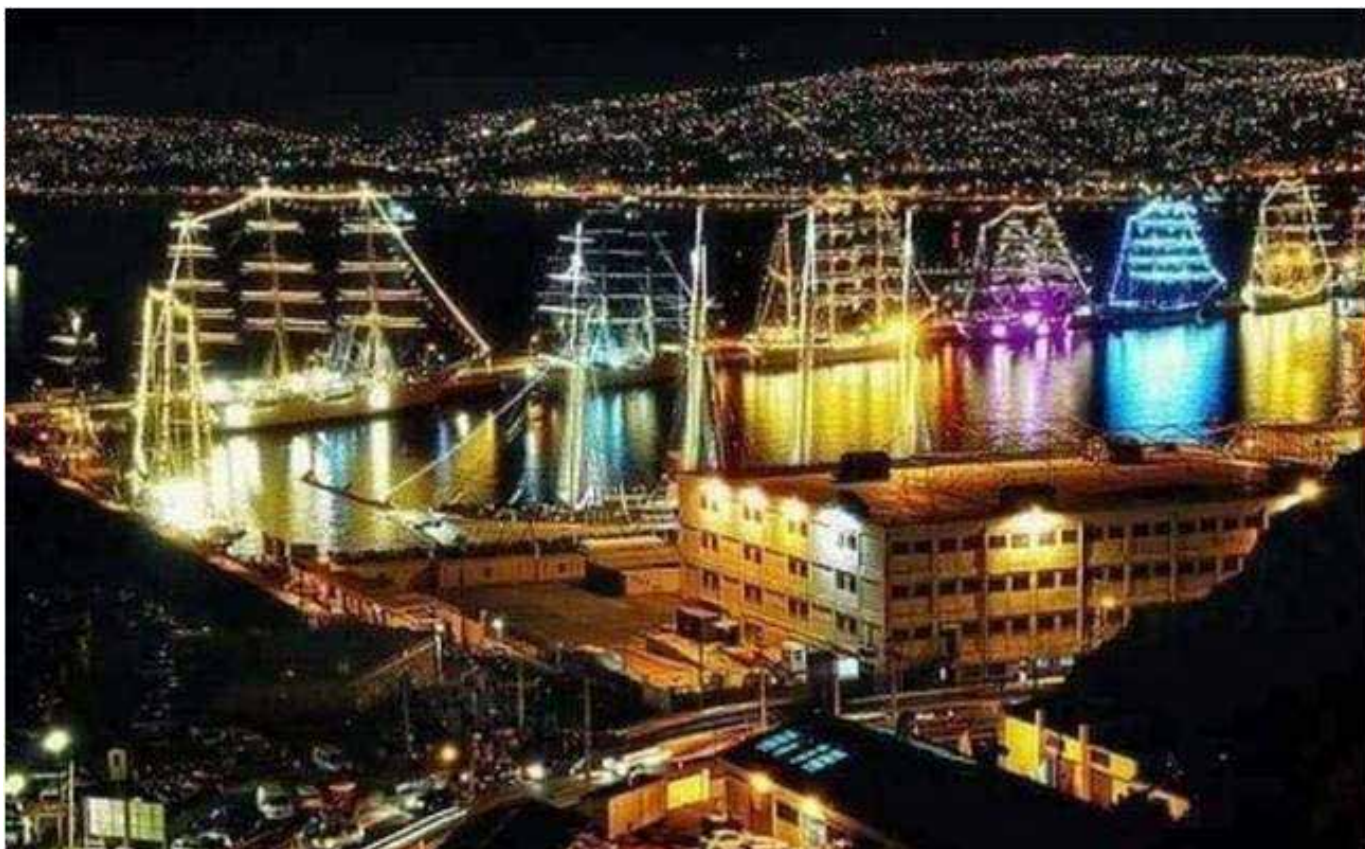
La invitación queda abierta para que los Rotarios de cada país logren acuerdos similares con sus respectivos buques insignia y así multiplicar exponencialmente nuestro espíritu de amistad y vocación al servicio por los más necesitados. IYFR somos Rotary en los mares del Mundo!



○ ARGENTINA\_FLOTAS RIO DE LA PLATA Y DELTA



○ NORFOLK\_VIRGINIA\_USA



○ CHILE\_PUERTO DE VALPARAISO

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# A3AGM 2019 PRELIMINARY STEPS

By Jun Avecilla IPIC



○ FROM LEFT – RIGHT, PP CASSIDY, PP JOANN, FC ALEX, IPIC JUN, PP ALICE, CE WILLIAM AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB MAIN BAR

Tasked by IRC David Hansen, IPIC Jun Avecilla in a recent meeting on November 13th, 2018 with FC Alex Hung, PP Alice Liu, PP Joan Tse, PP Cassidy Lam and Commodore Elect William Chu at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHYC), the A3GM preliminary discussions were held. The Hong Kong Fleet is receptive to spearhead the organization and host next year's AGM again after the last hosted meeting four years ago in November 2014. The date has been tentatively set on July 4-7, 2019. The AGM will also feature a formal turnover of command between FC Alex and Incoming FC William.

The highlights of the AGM starting July 4th will mainly consist in a cocktails and/or informal dinner Meet and Greet, followed by a sightseeing cruise/sailing in Victoria Harbor, visit to Maritime Museum, cocktails and/or informal dinner on July 5th, the proper AGM on July 6 afternoon, followed by the Gala Dinner and Change of Command Ceremonies in the evening at the RHYC. The final day will consist on a tour around Hong Kong or Kowloon culminated by an informal Farewell Dinner. The venues of the other functions and actual details and costs are being drawn and will be announced when finalized.

Organizers realize that the A3GM will be possibly too close to the Annual General Meeting and Post Convention Cruise in Hamburg and Kiel -June 1st to 9th -however, the Hong Kong Fleet sees that albeit the tight gap it is the most opportune schedule for the meeting and Change of Command in view of their Rotary District Turnover Ceremonies in the weekend of July 13 and the one set on summer starting on July 15. Fleets from Japan, the Philippines, Australia and New Zealand headed by newly installed IVC David who, by that time is expected to lead the occasion. Hopefully the new IC Robert Burns and his First Mate Ann Lockhart will also be able to attend as well as Officers and members from other Areas. Area General Meetings has become so interesting, it attracts IYFRians from various fleets, regions and areas worldwide.

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# HEBE HAVEN YACHT CLUB AND SAILABILITY HONG KONG TO DONATE DINGHIES AND SAILABILITY BOAT TO SUBIC SAILING

By FC Zed Avecilla



○ FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: MIKE, MARK, ROB AND IPIC JUN

IPIC Jun Avecilla who is also Subic Sailing Club [www.subicsailing.com](http://www.subicsailing.com) (SSC) Commodore together with Subic Bay Fleet FC, Zedrik Avecilla recently visited Hebe Haven Yacht Club <http://www.hhyc.org.hk> (HHYC) and Sailability Hong Kong Limited [www.sailabilityhk.org](http://www.sailabilityhk.org) (SHKL) Founder/Director Mark Hutton upon introduction of Mark's friend and a Subic Sailing School [www.subicsailing.com/subicsailingschool.html](http://www.subicsailing.com/subicsailingschool.html) student, retired

airline pilot Capt. Noel Porcuna. There they met Mike Rawbone, also a Founder and Director of SHKL and Rob Allen HHYC Sail Training Manager. Mark was in Subic Bay two weeks before where he saw the facilities of SSC at the Lighthouse Marina Resort [www.lighthouseubic.com](http://www.lighthouseubic.com), the headquarters of SSC and became convinced that they have found a safe home for their donations, a spot that could take care and set boats into good use in their sail training



○ ZED IN THE FAR RIGHT AND ON LEFT WITH ROB



○ ROB SHOWING THE VARIOUS LASER DHINGIES FOR DONATION. SOME ARE IN GOOD SHAPE WHILE OTHERS MAY REQUIRE SOME MINOR REPAIRS AND NEW SAILS.



HEBE HAVEN YACHT CLUB AND SAILABILITY HONG KONG TO DONATE DINGHIES AND SAILABILITY BOAT TO SUBIC SAILING

program. Some of the boats of HHYC such as the lasers are club members owned, and are in good condition and some by the club itself and will require a little or minor repair and new sails, and safety rubber boats with fairly good working engines. SHKL is giving away a Hansa 303 boat for disabled sailors. There are also complete set of kayaks with paddles that could be use for coaching on the water.

In 2012, SSC received a donation of 5 Flying Fifteen sailboats from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club Flying Fifteen Association. The boats are now part of a fleet of 6 Streaker dinghies and a U28 keelboat (also donated by a local SSC member). The shipment to Subic Bay of the FF15s was funded by an IYFR grant given to the Subic Bay and Cubao West Fleets.



THE LASERS, KAYAKS AND BOAT PARTS.



HANSA 303 SAILABILITY BOAT

Rob and Mike want the boat to be shipped by mid December and the shipping cost will be around US\$4-5000 for a 40ft container door to door. Bringing the boats over may not be a big problem but setting them in sailing conditions and keeping them that way would be the greater challenge. The Philippine Fleet is seeking sponsors help and our international Fleets in its continuous expansion to promote sail training to the underprivileged youth and dependents of IYFR Fleet Members so that they maybe introduced to the sailing sport and at the same time help disabled sailors to enjoy sailing and taking part at Subic Bay competition.



RUBBER BOATS THAT CAN BE USED AS SAFETY/SUPPORT OR COMMITTEE BOATS WITH WORKING ENGINES THAT MAY REQUIRE MINOR REPAIR OR TUNE UP.

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## IN MEMORIAM



**Udo Willi Pelkowski**  
April 7, 1957- October 13, 2018  
Cebu Fleet PFC 2011-2013  
Philippine Region RC 2013-2015

The Philippine Fleets/Region are yet dealt with another blow after the loss of PRC Oyie Valarao barely three months ago with the untimely passing of her predecessor due to myocardial infarction. Udo was one of the pillars of the Philippine Fleets and a dedicated IYFRian. He is remembered to have been actively in the forefront of cleanup drives and mangrove planting in the various Islands off Cebu and has overseen the making and distribution of fishing boats that were donated by the IYFR to "Yolanda" typhoon victims and displaced fisherman who lost their livelihood in San Remigio, Cebu. He was survived by his wife, Pinky and will be sorely missed. May he Rest In Peace.



IN MEMORIAM  
UDO WILLI PELKOWSKI

TRIBUTES

*"We were very sorry to hear of Udo's death. We have fond memories of Udo on our Visits to Phillipines. Our sympathy goes to his family and all those who were close to him."*

Meryl and Terr



*"I am sadd to hear of the passing of Udo. I have very fond memories of my visit for the Chartering of the Cebu Fleet and the beach cleanup that we did as part of this. Please pass on my condolences to his family and to the Cebu Fleet."*

David Hansen



*"We are so sorry to hear of PRC Udo Pelkowski's passing. Our condolences go out to his family and friends. Marlies and I will always have very fond memories of Udo on our IYFR Fleet exchange to Mactan Island, near the City of Cebu, in the Phillipines a year or so after our Charter of the South West Western Australian Fleet of IYFR in Mandurah. We know that Roger and Glenda Lingard had as much fun as we did. A great experience!*

*We remember how so attentive Udo was. The drives through Mactan Island and Cebu were quite an experience with Udo at the wheel of his 4WD vehicle meandering among the many rickshaws, bikes, other vehicles and pedestrians when on tour and going to visits of Rotary Clubs among other places.*

*Udo was a very interesting person. His presence was always kindly felt. We really enjoyed his company as we did others who facilitated and participated in our visit to the Phillipines. Udo and others so kindly made Marlies' birthday celebrations always so memorable with the party at the Austrian grass hut restaurant with that surprise marvellous birthday huge cake. Also the visits on large Bum Boats to the islands, one on a joint community service adventure to plant mangroves, where we ate some strange crustaceans (Crabs), the other over the seas for a beach party luncheon where we had to scoff the remainder of a bottle of a certain alcoholic liquid so that we would have seven years good luck! So many stories could be mentioned of that visit and we have very much to thank Udo and his IYFR fleet friends for such enjoyment.*

*The fellowship he build with everyone was excellent.*

*May Udo rest in peace.*

*Our prayers are with him."*

Murray Mc Nally



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*"We are in shock at the news of our good friend Udo's death. Indeed, our early time in IYFR was made all the better by Udo's response to our offer of a Fleet exchange when no other fleet bothered to respond. Glenda, I and Murray and Marlise had an incredible experience in Cebu that really was the foundation to our enjoyment of IYFR. The fellowship we enjoyed with Udo in Bangkok will also never be forgotten. We had always hoped to welcome Udo to Mandurah and are sad that can no longer happen. We can only hope and pray that Udo is now at peace."*

Roger Lingard

IN MEMORIAM  
UDO WILLI PELKOWSKI



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