



January 2010

From the Commodore...



I hope everybody had great holidays and are ready to participate in the fleet events planned for this year. We had a planning meeting the first week of January 2010 to ensure a well balance cruise-in and general meetings at different Yacht clubs throughout the Rotary Districts participating in our fleet.

Our membership dropped from 62 to 54 members last year. This is understandable due to the sluggish economy, and the number of members that move out of the area. Our goal is to add at least two new members each month to sustain a healthy and growing fellowship. We want to encourage the members participating in meetings and cruises to invite potential members to enjoy the camaraderie and friendship of our fleet members, and when possible our boats. We need to recruit members interested in boating from our Rotary Clubs on a continuous basis.

Our first meeting is scheduled at the St. Francis Yacht Club on February 17, 2010, in San Francisco; an invitation was E-Mailed to the fleet. There are several other events planned, we are confirming dates and time with our host clubs. These events include a March Cruse in, April 25th Opening day participation, Memorial Day cruise to Sacramento Jazz Festival on May 28-31. Other events are being planned for July 4th to see the fireworks from our boats, another cruse in august, a tent event in September, Fleet Week participation on October 8-12, and our last general meeting in November. If you have any suggestions or ideas to improve this year program, please share them with me.

I am excited about my role as fleet commodore and I hope work hard this year to make it special for everyone. Please share my enthusiasm and plan to attend as many meetings as you can. I am looking for members that want to co-share some of these events, please call me if you want to actively participate in the planning and execution of this year programs.

Lorenzo A Rios,
San Francisco Fleet Commodore

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Upcoming Events

Join us at our upcoming Fellowship meetings. Members wishing to sail in should contact the harbor master at the yacht club in advance for berthing arrangements.

February - St. Francis Yacht Club

Wednesday 17th 17:30 hrs.
Reception for Immediate Past
International Commodore Bryan
Skinner. Meet for dinner following.

For the latest news on events...

Always check out the calendar of events on our Fleet web site, www.iyfrsf.org; click on...

- *Information for Fleet Members*
- *Calendar of Events*

*Commodore Lorenzo Rios
International Yachting Fellowship of Retarians
San Francisco Fleet*

Cordially invites you to a Cocktail Reception

*to Welcome
Immediate Past International Commodore
Bryan Skinner and Chris*

*Wednesday, February 17th
17:30 hours to 21:30 hours*

*St. Francis Yacht Club
Clippership Room, 2nd floor
99 Yacht Road 1.
San Francisco California*

R.s.v.p.

Cost \$60.00 per person

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Proposed change to General Rules & Regulations

An amendment to the general rules has been proposed in compliance with section X of those rules (a full copy of the General Rules and Regulations can be found on our web site under *Information for Fleet Members*).

The proposal was submitted by fleet member Clint Collier who had obtained the required 10% of the membership endorsement those Rules call for.

The proposed change is to section VI of those Rules and consist of a new section C (making the current section C section D). The proposed changes, shown in red, are:

C. The fleet shall operate on the same fiscal year as Rotary International and The Fellowship, i.e. July 1 to June 30. Because the International Bridge will bill for membership based upon the July 1 status of the fleet, the fleet shall bill members for their membership on or before May 1st of the calendar year, those dues payable no later than June 30th. Dues collected shall cover the Rotary year and any PICYA dues which come payable during that time frame.

D. Any member failing to pay his dues within 70 45 days of receiving notice of their being due shall be struck from the roster; no later than June 30th so as to insure a current and correct roster as of July 1st.

This proposed change is hereby presented to the membership to be voted upon at the next meeting of the fleet, currently scheduled for Friday, November 6th, 2009.

Start Making Plans...

The 2010 Rotary International Convention will be held in Montréal Canada, June 20th through the 23rd. Immediately following we will have our Post Convention Cruise. This year's event will see us traveling by bus from Montreal to Kingston for lunch and a special ceremony at Fort Henry. From there we will board the Empress of Canada for a three day trip around the Thousand Islands area of the St. Lawrence. Details are posted on the International web site and sign up forms should be available soon.



Another opportunity for Rotary service through IYFR

There is currently an around the world yacht race taking place in which one of the boats is sponsored by the city of Hull (England) and the Hull Rotary Club. Informa-

tion on the race and the participants can be found online at <http://www.clipperroundtheworld.com>.

These boats will arrive here ins San Francisco sometime the first week of April... Since it is a race they obviously want to arrive earlier rather than later in the week. They will be berthed at the San Francisco Marina, between the St. Francis and Golden Gate Yacht Clubs.. The Rotary Club of Hull has placed two young cadets aboard the *Hull & Humber* boat, a different pair for each leg of the race and they will be changing participants here as they have done at each port of call. They have contacted IYFR where there are fleets in these stop ports and asked if we would be willing to assist these young sailors with the transition from and to the *Hull & Humber*. This transition will take place on April the 11th, when we will pick up the two Rotary ambassadors at the boats to take them to the airport. There we will meet the incoming ambassadors first and then say good bye to the returning two.



There will also be a couple of days “slack time” for each pair and if we could offer them both hospitality and maybe some sight seeing it would be an added bonus for them!

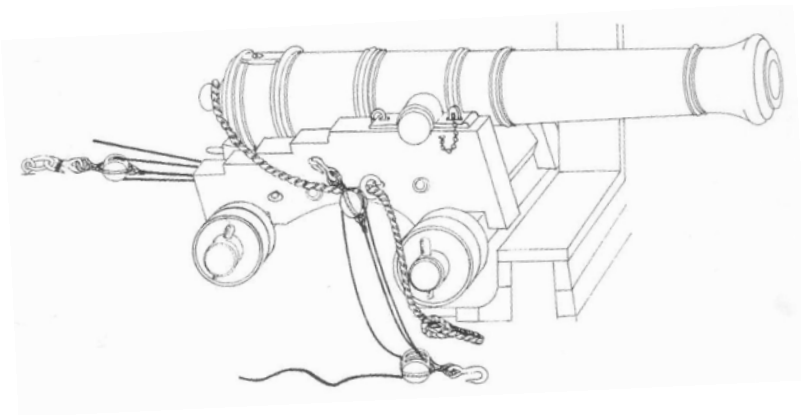
If you would like to help out with these visiting cadets by providing transportation, home hospitality, a place to stay for a few days, taking them out for dinner, or in other ways please contact Clint Collier (925.933.6565) to register.

Can you sponsor a meeting?

We need members to sponsor one or more of our meetings in 2010. If you are a member of a local yacht club that can host one of our gatherings we need you to step forward. It isn't really that hard, just 4 easy steps.

- Determine a date and time for the meeting
- Schedule it with your yacht club to make sure that they can host us on that day and make a reservation so they expect us. Get the name and phone number of your contact there for us so we can coordinate the event. Are there any special events on the date chosen?
- Determine what a member must do to sail in for the event. What number should they call to reserve dock space?
- Call the commodore with your suggestion

But don't limit your ideas to just your yacht club. If you have other ideas, gather the details for us and bring those along too. We are always looking for new and interesting ideas to give the membership a little variety in our activities.



Parting Shots

at the helm...

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Membership	vacant		

New Fellowship Advancer...

The Fellowship Advancer is the newsletter of Rotary's Fellowships, the Fellowship of Fellowships if you will. About a year ago they started publishing a quarterly newsletter. Although they do not have a web site of their own, we make this newsletter available to our members; it is the last item on the page for "Information for fleet members". The latest edition is now available for your perusing pleasure!

We want to hear from you...

Please send any articles, pictures, recipes, or any other material you think your fellow fleet members may be interested in to newsletter@iyfrsf.org. Deadline is around the 20th of the month for the following month's newsletter!