



**INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL
OF YACHT CLUBS**

AMERICA'S REGIONAL CONFERENCE

ANNAPOLIS YACHT CLUB – OCTOBER 11,12, 2015



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the ICOYC, it is my pleasure to invite representatives from all ICOYC Member Clubs and from guest Clubs to participate in the ICOYC Americas' Regional Conference at the Annapolis Yacht Club on the 11th and 12th of October, 2105.

The official program will run from Sunday, October 11th at 4:30 PM until Monday October 12th at approximately 9 PM. Registration details will follow shortly.

The conference has been deliberately scheduled to coincide with the end of the ICOYC Chesapeake Cruise and the beginning of the United States Sailboat Show and the United States Powerboat Show, the largest on the water boat shows in the Americas

We have invited Gary Jobson to speak at the Opening Reception on Sunday, we will have an all-day conference and Partners' Program on Monday and a splendid wind-up dinner on Monday evening.

During the conference, we will introduce the latest ICOYC developments, discuss current issues of mutual interest, and briefly review the recent worldwide Commodores' Forum held at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron in Auckland. We will also have an opportunity to discuss possible topics for the 10th Commodores' Forum which will be held at the Royal Danish Yacht Club in Copenhagen in October of 2016.

Discussion topics will include the challenges presented by a changing membership and how the Chicago Yacht Club has "re-invented itself" to meet this challenge. Another topic that is an increasing issue in all of our Clubs is "electronic communications", including online voting. How do you "manage the genie" of social media and other online communications, once they are out of the Club's bottle.

We sincerely hope that your Club will be represented in Annapolis in February. We have obtained a group rate at the Hilton Garden Inn, ten minutes from the Club, details for which may be found towards the bottom of the ICOYC web site home page.

Please let us know who will be joining us from your Club's leaders and members.

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