



International Council of Yacht Clubs

How do Yacht Clubs and their individual Members benefit from being in the International Council of Yacht Clubs? - -

The yacht clubs that form the Council are the leading clubs in each region, all with an international orientation, sharing similar advantages and facing similar issues. By working together the Council clubs can present a common face to the increasingly commercial world of yachting, reflecting their significance within the sport. Council membership can also benefit the individual members of the clubs, help identify opportunities and resolve problems.

Some of the Commodores of member clubs were asked for their views on the advantages of being in the Council. The points below have been summarised from their replies.

Membership of the Council provides each club with - -

1. Co-operation at Flag Officer level, with the opportunity to interact on a trusted basis with other people who have 'been there' as each club's representative is normally the Commodore or Past Commodore. Individual members taking on greater responsibilities within their club can also draw on the experience available.
2. A forum in which General Managers and Club Secretaries can discuss issues confidentially with their opposite numbers in other member clubs.
3. Specific briefings on aspects of yacht club management, international trends, running events, developing sponsorship, etc.
4. Greater opportunities in international event management. Through contacts developed within the Council, clubs can identify more opportunities and also have an established basis to work together.

Individual members of Council clubs benefit through - -

5. A welcome in other leading clubs around the world that is likely to be warmer than with a conventional reciprocal relationship – but note that there is no requirement for Council members to offer reciprocity to each other. .
6. Cruises and inter-club racing provided by clubs for the benefit of the members of all the Council clubs. Host clubs are keen to share their in-depth knowledge and contacts within their area - which would not normally be available to outsiders. There are also interport regattas for selected classes, team and match racing within the Council, and the ICOYC website, confidential forums, and news about other Council clubs.