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A Note from the Editor

I sit here on the day after the American Thanksgiving Day, having done my part in the consumption of far too many pounds of roast turkey. (During 2010, the average American consumed 16.4 lbs (7.5 kg) of turkey meat.) In the last few years, Friday after Thanksgiving has been named Black Friday because it officially opens the start of the madness that we call the Christmas Shopping Season. Large stores had started opening at 0600 in the morning with extravagant sale prices on selected items, like LCD TVs, bicycles, electronic devices, and dolls. These special prices proved so popular that the stores started opening even earlier, 0500, 0300, and even a minute after Midnight. What we now see on nightly TV news programs is riots of people surging through the store doors and literally fighting each other to 'win' the special sale items. It looks like the running of the bulls at Pamplona, but the bulls have better manners than the shoppers. Oh, well, another holiday season has been kicked off.

This abbreviated version of *eNEWS* announces the posting of presentations and audio recordings from the recent [8th Commodores' Forum](#) in Hong Kong, along with the general availability of photo albums in [Photo Gallery](#). If you were not able to attend the Forum, read on and take part in the activities.

President's Message - "It just keeps getting better and better!"

Our hallmark event, the Forum, seems to improve with each round! The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club produced a truly memorable experience in all regards with Forum VIII last month. If you missed it, you missed an event of stellar entertainment and presentation, and a schedule of discussion sessions that was stirring and exhausting. Frankly, in some ways the experience was overwhelming at times, and one was constantly pressed to not miss the next item on a packed agenda. I was caused to recall that feeling as I worked with Bob Miller during the past few days to prepare presentations and recordings for our website. Each time I reviewed a presentation or audio file, I found additional information and ideas that I had missed in the original viewing at Hong Kong. Even if you DID attend Forum VIII, I strongly recommend that you take some time over the coming weeks to review these materials. The available 'take-home' ideas and reports are surely far beyond any notes you may have made.

As I mentioned while closing the Forum, it now is our serious responsibility to bring the results of the days together home to our club leaders and members, so there is understanding of the value of the Council among all. A few clubs have already posted Forum reports online or in print. The reports whose links are shown below can be used as examples of what can be done to carry the message, and as sources for ideas and styles you might use in creating your own. YOU are the only messenger who can effectively deliver the message, and as your club's representative to the Council, are responsible for doing that.

Members only - [Royal Swedish/KSSS](#) [St Francis Yacht Club](#) [Sandringham Yacht Club](#) [Bruxelles Royal Yacht Club](#)

Forum 2013 in Hong Kong a Success - Downloads of the Presentations are Available

The Commodores' Forum hosted by Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club in early November will be highlighted in the forthcoming ICOYC Newsletter.

Meanwhile, you can review the program and download the presentations and audio recordings by going to [Forums/Past Commodores Forums/2013 Hong Kong](#). **Members only** - Please note that only 'logged-in' members are allowed to download the presentations. See the message at the bottom of this email for details.

Forum 2013 Photos are Available to all Readers of eNEWS

The [Photo Gallery](#) page has been opened to the casual viewer and no longer needs an ICOYC login to view the master Photo Gallery page. You can pass this link to members of your club so they can see the activities that go on at ICOYC functions. We have posted photos from the Hong Kong Forum, as well as the Baltic Coast/Danish Isles Cruise, in the Photo Gallery. The password required to view the albums is posted at the top of the Photo Gallery page. ICOYC members who log into the [private side of the website](#) are given instructions on how to upload their photos to the photo albums. We welcome your submittals.

News Articles

The [Currents](#) section on the private and public home pages provides a place for late breaking news and articles of interest to Council members. If your club has information that would be of interest to other Council clubs, send the details to webeditor@icoyc.org for posting.

Club Pages Need Updating

Each Council club as a page describing the club, its programs, and history, along with a short slide show of photos featuring the club. You can see these club pages in [Member Clubs](#). Since some of the pages are getting a bit dated, it would be a nice task for your PR Department to review the contents of your club's page and prepare some new words and photos. **Members only** - Contact webeditor@icoyc.org for details or click [HERE](#) to receive "Procedure to Build a Club Page" describing how to prepare the page's contents.

Mark Your Calendar for the Regional Conferences

The early 2014 Regional Conferences are scheduled and it is time to plan on attending them. Jim Burns, VP Americas, announced that Americas Regional Conference will be hosted by the [San Diego Yacht Club](#) on 08-09 February 2014, following the US Sailing Leadership Forum, 06-08 February (<http://leadership2014.ussailing.org>). Gero Brugman, VP Europe and Africa, informs us that [NRV/Norddeutscher Regatta Verein](#) is working on plans to host the European Regional Conference during Spring 2014 after its new clubhouse is inaugurated. In the Asia/Pacific region, the incoming regional vice president will schedule a teleconference for the regional clubs for late April or early May 2014.

The audience of eNEWS is all members of ICOYC as well as selected members of the yachting community and guests of past Forums. While most of the links to the www.icoyc.org website are to the public side, some of the hyperlinks in the text require the members-only login for security. These links can only be used by **signed-in** ICOYC members and will be noted as "**members only**". If you are a member of ICOYC and are having trouble logging into the private side of the website, send an email to webeditor@icoyc.org for help.

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