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A Note from the Editor

In the Pacific Northwest, boating in February means possibly confronting gale force winds and near freezing temperatures, but your eNEWS editor took *Loon Song* south 60 miles to the [Port Madison Outstation](#) of [Seattle Yacht Club](#) to participate in the annual Chili Cook-off. While many ICOYC members are sailboaters and relish 35 knot winds, your editor is a powerboater and finds waves breaking over the pilothouse less than amusing. Perhaps it was the weather, but my pot of chili ([see photo](#)) *again* failed to capture first prize. The 21 cooks judged the entries and more than 80 members of Seattle Yacht Club enjoyed lots of good chili while it rained and blew outside.

In this issue of eNEWS, we get to read reports and see photos of the Americas Regional Conference held in sunny San Diego, California, and share the fun and excitement of NRV opening its new clubhouse.

President's Message - Busy Times in 2014

Often there is a bit of a letdown in activity following an event as successful as [Forum VIII](#) at the [Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club](#). That, however, is certainly NOT the case with the Council! These few months have seen a gathering pace of activity contributing to the building vitality of ICOYC. An excellent [Americas Conference](#) was held at San Diego Yacht Club, with an opportunity to sail on the [Schooner America](#) for whale watching. There are a number of new member applications in the works, and the ICOYC Cruise in the Tuscan Islands, hosted by [Yacht Club Italiano](#), now has a fully formed fleet of chartered and member owned yachts participating, with 44 sailors signed on so far. There are still a few berths and charters available, so if you're intrigued by the idea of a Tuscan Holiday in June, just click [HERE](#). We have solid momentum promising an excellent 2014. See the [website](#) or latest [Newsletter](#) for entertaining and informative details.

Americas 2014 Regional Conference - Reports and Photos

The 2014 Americas Regional Conference was held at the [San Diego Yacht Club](#) on 08-09 February 2014. Americas Vice President Jim Burns thanks the club for hosting an excellent conference and for making the attendees so welcome. His report for **Members only** can be read [HERE](#). Seattle Yacht Club delegate Dick Haelsig submitted this public [conference report](#). More information on the conference can be seen at [Forums/Regional Conferences/Americas](#). Photos of the event can be viewed on the [Photo Gallery](#) page.

Asia Pacific 2014 Regional Conference - 05 May 2014

The Asia Pacific Conference will be held at [Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron](#) on Monday, 05 May 2014, starting at 09.00 hrs after early informal coffee discussion among attending persons. The agenda is still to be set and individual member invites from around the region are to be forwarded soon. The one day conference will come to a close over dinner in the evening. Early interest can be directed care of [Andy Anderson](#), VP Asia Pacific.

European 2014 Regional Conference - 24-25 October 2014

European Vice President Gero Brugmann has posted a photo of the [new clubhouse](#) at Norddeutscher Regatta Verein and a [view of the city of Hamburg](#) as seen from the clubhouse. He will be sending a "Mark Your Calendar" message announcing details of the European Regional Conference being hosted by NRV on 24-25 Oct 2014 once the final details are settled.

Norddeutscher Regatta Verein (NRV) Launches its New Clubhouse

The rebuilt clubhouse of NRV was formally dedicated with a grand black tie gala ball on 22 February 2014. Read Correspondent Wolfgang Weber's [article](#) about the opening party on the NRV Club page under [Member Clubs/Norddeutscher Regatta Verein](#).

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.

Some recent postings include how to use email press releases to send out information on your events, some good guidelines on how to use Public Relations tools, and an excellent report on sponsorship.

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.

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.

Site login privilege is available to any member of a Council Club upon the recommendation of the club's Delegate and Council approval.

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