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### A Note from the Editor

Boating season is in full swing in the Pacific Coast cruising area of North America. All of the ICOYC clubs here have had their Opening Days and the boats, sail and power and other, have been cleaned and are ready for cruising, racing, sailing, or just puttering about. Even with the busy times of getting ready for the boating season, your editor has been planning ahead for a trip to New Zealand and the 2015 Forum being hosted by the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron. Read on below for more information about this event and start planning ahead, too.

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### President's Message - Pass the Message ON!

You know, the recent additions to our ranks noted below have not come from some campaign or promotion, but rather from simple exposure of friends to the works and assets of the Council. There are two elemental actions that attract clubs to Council membership. The first, and clearly most powerful, is participation as a guest in either a Regional Conference or a Forum. You can try to explain the value of Council membership all you like, but there is NOTHING as powerful as experiencing it among the company of members.

The second factor is our wealth of presentations and reports that exists in the ICOYC Website. All yacht clubs of our sort face the same challenges, and passing an occasional relevant report to a friend who may have asked about a certain issue is an excellent way of establishing value for the Council. I have made a regular practice of sending relevant material to Officers and Committee Chairs in my own club to help them in their duties. They have slowly become aware of what the Council means to us.

Please consider '*Passing the Message ON*' yourself. An occasional review of past Forum reports, and more regular look at the Currents section at [www.ICOYC.org](http://www.ICOYC.org) should prompt ideas of whom you have chatted with who could find the material helpful, or, with a specific topic, you can use the new search mechanism. Send

them a copy, or a link if it is on the public side of the site.

If you know of a club that should be considered for Council inclusion, please advise the Forum or Conference planner, so they might invite them as guests. **Pass the Message ON!**

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### **Welcome our New Member Clubs - Royal Canadian Yacht Club, Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Royal Varuna Yacht Club**

The Board of Directors has been busy during the past few months and has added three new member clubs, two in Asia-Pacific and one in the Americas, bringing the membership up to 31 clubs. In Thailand, the Royal Varuna Yacht Club, [www.varuna.org](http://www.varuna.org), presents us some lovely cruising areas and white sandy beaches. Our newest Australian member, Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, [www.rqys.com.au](http://www.rqys.com.au), is located on the famed Australian Gold Coast. The most recent member, Royal Canadian Yacht Club, [www.rcyc.ca](http://www.rcyc.ca), has an auxiliary clubhouse located on an island in Lake Ontario. Royal Varuna and Royal Canadian have their ICOYC [member club pages](#) operational while Royal Queensland is diligently working on its page.

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### **AGM by Teleconference - 24 April 2014 - A Success**

Guided by the new corporate bylaws of Canada, President John McNeill chaired a world-wide teleconference for the AGM of April 2014. His report is [HERE](#) for **logged-in** members.

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### **Asia Pacific 2014 Regional Conference - Reports and Photos**

The conference was held at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron facilities on 05 May 2014. Regional Vice President Andy Anderson has written an excellent summary of the conference and its wide reaching topics which can be downloaded from [Forums/Regional Conferences/Asia Pacific](#) and also has submitted some good photos of Sydney and the conference attendees.

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### **European 2014 Regional Conference - 24-25 October 2014**

Read the "Save the Date" message from VP Gero Brugmann [HERE](#). Page 2 of the download contains information on the conference hotel -- Crowne Plaza Hamburg - City Alster. The conference will be held in the recently opened new clubhouse of NRV in Hamburg and on the starting weekend of the Hamburg boat show ([www.hanseboot.de](http://www.hanseboot.de)). For those with a tight schedule, the timing allows a Friday morning (24 October) flight into Hamburg with the conference start at lunchtime, and the official programme closing with a dinner on Saturday evening (25 October). However, the hotel arrangements can be made for an extended stay at the conference rates. The detailed agenda and spouse program will be announced soon.

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### **Commodores' Forum 2015 in Auckland, New Zealand**

The [Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron](#) is hosting the 2015 Commodores' Forum during 17-20 February 2015. An invitation from the Commodore has been posted on the [Forums/Next Commodores' Forum page](#). The

invitation contains plenty of good links to the sights, sounds, and tastes of New Zealand and has an [exciting video](#) highlighting the conference and the environs. The forum website is [HERE](#).

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### **We Now have a Search Function**

A new search tool has been added to the top of the left-hand column under the image of the magnifying glass. Simply enter your search term and click on the Search button. The search returns a list of pages in which the search term is found. Searched content is the text in the web pages. Content in stored documents is not searched.

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### **Where to Find Contact Information**

**Members only** - A useful part of the private side of the website available only to **logged-in** members is the [Internal Contacts](#) page. It is found under Home/Contacts and requires a login. This page lists the committees of ICOYC and their members, along with email addresses for the committee members. The tables can be downloaded in Excel format for your own use. Want to see who is the ICOYC Representative for Royal Hong Kong YC? Look in the [Representatives and Alternates](#) table. Want to communicate with the Forum Planning Committee? Look them up in the table of lists at the top of the page. Please send any changes in the membership of these committees and groups to [webeditor@icoyc.org](mailto:webeditor@icoyc.org).

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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](http://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](mailto:webeditor@icoyc.org) for help.

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