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A Note from the Editor

Ah, Summer in the Northern Hemisphere is ending and some of us are setting up the boat for the coming cold weather. But here in the Pacific Northwest we are fortunate to have mild winters and are able to boat year round, if you have good heating on the boat. My wife and I just returned from a four week and 750 mile cruise into the Broughton Archipelagos above British Columbia's Vancouver Island. We had good weather and were able to visit all ten of Seattle Yacht Club's outstations during the summer. Now it is time to shift our attention to the activities of ICOYC, so take a look at the items below. Get your ICOYC burgee and lapel pin, attend the European Regional Conference, and plan ahead for the 2015 Commodores' Forum in Auckland in February 2015. But most of all, enjoy your boating time!

President's Message - "You had to BE there!"

Recently, a fellow club member and committee chair asked me about the ICOYC Library and materials pertaining to his specific need. I sent him a number of files from the [Member Library](#) (signed-in members only) on the topic, and started the process of getting him a logon identity. A few days later he called, and said, "John, this is excellent material, but it doesn't get into the details of what clubs are doing or thinking!" I told him that there was much discussion following most presentations that might help, but we didn't transcribe much of it. Then I suggested that I could introduce him to some of the participants for conversation if wanted. He is now pursuing that.

In the course of all this, it became quite evident that to really get the value from Forums and particularly Conferences, YOU HAVE TO BE THERE. Beyond the presentations and panel statements, there is much detailed conversation during both meetings and social events that adds significantly to the practicality of information given. You might keep that thought as you consider the currently scheduled events, and whether you can afford the time to attend.

Member Clubs - New Photos for Royal Canadian Yacht Club

The [Member Clubs](#) section of the website contains a page of text and photos, as well as a short slide show, describing each of the ICOYC member clubs. These pages need not be static, either in the text or the images or the slide show. Please review your club's page and think about what new items and photos you would like to share with other ICOYC members. Recently the [Royal Canadian Yacht Club](#) updated its photos and slide show images. Send your new material to webeditor@icoyc.org and refresh your public image.

Summer 2014 Cruise Around the Island Of Elba - Photos

Organized by the [Yacht Club Italiano](#), the summer cruise "Circumnavigation of the Island of Elba" held from 21 to 28 June 2014 was a fantastic cruise. Over 200 photos were submitted by the cruisers and can be seen in the [Photo Gallery](#). A detailed description of the cruise itself can be found in the recently revised pages of [On the Water/Past Cruises](#).

Get Your ICOYC Burgee and Lapel Pin

Do you have your ICOYC lapel pin or are you flying the ICOYC burgee? Pins and burgees can be purchased from the website under [About ICOYC/Burgees & Pins](#). Lapel pins go nicely on your yacht club uniform and burgees are needed while participating in [ICOYC cruises](#). Order them now with free delivery to the upcoming series of meetings.

European 2014 Regional Conference - 24-25 October 2014

European VP Gero Brugmann has posted the agenda for the [European Regional Conference](#), along with a press release describing the European Champions League of Sailing. Download the agenda [HERE](#) and download the press release [HERE](#). Make sure that you have made your reservations for the hotel and conference. Go to [Forums/Regional Conferences/Europe](#) for details.

Commodores' Forum 2015 in Auckland, New Zealand

The [Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron](#) is hosting the 2015 Commodores' Forum during 17-20 February 2015. The forum website

<http://www.rnzys.org.nz/RoyalNewZealandYachtSquadronHomePage/tabid/36/ctl/Details/mid/495/ItemID/1221/Default.aspx>

has many details on the forum and has downloads for registration, hotel information, and the preliminary program agenda. Go to the [RZNYS forum page](#) and click on the appropriate downloads.

NOTE: The special hotel rate expires on 16 September 2014, so make your hotel reservations NOW.

The post forum cruise in the Huaraki Gulf is also described and a link to the chartering company is available, along with many links to the myriad of tourism activities available in lovely New Zealand.

Help Wanted - ICOYC is looking for a new Administrator

Our current Administrator, Louise Sportelli, has requested replacement due to other business needs. ICOYC is looking for a part-time administrator to assist the Board of Directors by organizing the board meetings, posting material on the website, and assisting the President. The administrator must possess good writing ability in English and have strong computer skills. The position reports to the President and the person can reside in any location. Experience with yacht clubs and sailing would be helpful. The position is budgeted for an average 24 hours per month. Please express interest by email to President@icoyc.org and a full position description with terms can be made available.

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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