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### A Note from the Editor

We are changing the format of the eNEWS electronic bulletin a bit by making the notices more detailed and adding in occasional photos. The primary function of eNEWS is to be an email-based message containing brief notices of happenings within ICOYC and its member clubs, while the glossy ICOYC Newsletter prepared by Alison Boyd (see below for her latest creation) is targeted to the general members of ICOYC clubs as a way of spreading the message of ICOYC and its activities. Whereas Alison's Newsletter is presented as a PDF file for downloading and looks the same to all readers, the eNEWS is sent out as email and its formatting can vary depending upon the whims of your own email program.

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### President's Message - *Several Items*

#### The Nominating Committee NEEDS your ideas!!

The NomCom is hard at work finding candidates for a number of Officer and Director positions, and would very much appreciate your suggestions. In your club, or among your boating friends in the Council, do you know someone who might be a good addition to the Council leadership? To serve, a person need only be a member of an ICOYC Club. Certainly club Commodores are always welcomed, but sometimes are pressed for time to serve.

PLEASE contact any of the Committee with your thoughts: George Dort (Chairman) - St FYC, [georgedort@comcast.net](mailto:georgedort@comcast.net); Ragnar Klevaas - KNS, [ragnar.klevaas@online.no](mailto:ragnar.klevaas@online.no); Jack Sullivan - Seattle YC, [dullboy@seanet.com](mailto:dullboy@seanet.com); Ambrose Lo - RHKYC, [alo@live.hk](mailto:alo@live.hk); Gero Brugmann - NRV, [gero@brugmann.org](mailto:gero@brugmann.org); Gunilla Antas - NJK, [gunilla@njk.fi](mailto:gunilla@njk.fi); Jim Burns - RVYC, [JBurns@owenbird.com](mailto:JBurns@owenbird.com); Rex Harrison - RSYS, [rexh@idx.com.au](mailto:rexh@idx.com.au); Mark Fitzhardinge - RPYC, [mark@fitzhardinge.net](mailto:mark@fitzhardinge.net).

#### Next General Members Meeting, 21 April 2016, by Turbobridge Teleconference

This is merely to notify you that our next AGM will need to be held by teleconference as the date is required by regulation, and there is no physical meeting at that date. That will necessarily make for an inconvenient hour for some attendees, due to time zones, but the meeting will be very brief, taking care only of essential business as

the elections and annual review of financials. We are required to have a quorum to conduct the meeting, so I hope that you will assure that one voting representative of your club can arrange to participate.

### How Does Your Club Measure Up?

Would you like to know how fellow Council clubs are doing to solve some mutual issues, or what the trick is to increasing club participation? There are answers to many of those questions hidden in club numbers and survey replies. The ICOYC Data Exchange Project, chaired by Chris Carlile of Sandringham YC, is inviting all member clubs to participate in some confidential data gathering. The initial phase has been completed in the Asia Pacific Region, and the Americas activity is now underway, soon to be followed by the European Region. The end result will be a fascinating array of numbers, ratios, and analysis that should be of excellent value to all who participate. When you get the call to participate, we hope that you will make the effort to provide as much information as possible, including financial statements. ALL specific club information will be held in full confidentiality.

### Pride of Membership on Display!

At the conclusion of the Auckland Forum early this year, the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron was presented with a lovely framed plaque celebrating their membership in the Council. We found that many who were there were interested in securing one of their own, so we proceeded to produce similar plaques for every member club. Most have already received and displayed theirs, and the rest should be completed this spring. For Annapolis, Vancouver, Seattle and St Francis, so far, the appropriate placement has been in high traffic areas at the center of the clubhouse, where the plaque has served to make many members who had been unaware of the Council very much aware, and impressed by the good company we all keep. As you place your display, please send a photo to [webeditor@icoyc.org](mailto:webeditor@icoyc.org) so we can add to our collection.



Seattle YC



Royal Vancouver YC



Royal New Zealand

Happy holidays to all

Best Regards,  
John

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## European Regional Conference: Malta, 15-17 January 2016 - Announcement

European Vice President Gero Brugmann has announced that Commodore Godwin Zammit of the [Royal Malta Yacht Club](#) is hosting the 2016 European Regional Conference Ta'Xbiex Malta, 15-17 January 2016. All ICOYC members are invited. Details can be found in [Regional Conferences/Europe](#) under the pull-down tab labeled "2016 - Malta".



Conference programme to follow shortly

Conference scheduled to start on Friday afternoon and ends Sunday lunch time

We are including an excursion for ALL delegates on Sunday morning

A separate programme will be on offer to partners wishing to visit Malta during the Conference

Conference Fee of Euros 150 for delegates and spouses includes two lunches and two dinners as well as transportation from hotel to conference and sightseeing venues

Bookings are to be received by not later than Tuesday, 5th January

The official conference hotel is the [Radisson Blu - St. J](#)

A deluxe room with breakfast has a conference rate of 115 for a single and Euros 130 for a double room.

Booking forms for both the hotel and for the conference found on the RMYC website at <http://www.rmyc.org/s/events/?id=48>.

Hotel and Conference booking forms -  
<http://www.rmyc.org/social-events/?id=48>

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### **Join Royal Sydney YS in its Annual Cruise - 16-23 April 2016**

Chuck Lowry, Chair of the Cruising Committee, announces that the [Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron](#) is extending an invitation to any interested ICOYC club and members to join in their Annual Cruise (which is actually a week of friendly racing). The cruise runs from Saturday, 16 April 2016, to Saturday 23 April. This is usually a great time of the year to enjoy the warm weather in Sydney. For those interested in more information regarding this wonderful cruise contact Richard Lawson at [richardlawson42@gmail.com](mailto:richardlawson42@gmail.com).

Please contact Chuck at [beauxarts1@comcast.net](mailto:beauxarts1@comcast.net) if your club is inviting ICOYC members to join you on a cruising event. His committee also helps coordinate the ICOYC cruises, usually one or two a year in some beautiful boating locations.

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### **Chesapeake Bay Cruise - 02-10 October 2015 - Photo Album**

The [2015 ICOYC Chesapeake Bay Cruise](#) through the peaceful and historic waters of the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland, USA, 02-10 October 2015, was nicely organized by the [Annapolis Yacht Club](#) and was well attended by ICOYC members from a half dozen clubs as well as other boats from AYC. In spite of last minute changes to the itinerary caused by the passing of a hurricane, the cruise participants took many lovely photos, which can be seen in the [Photo Gallery](#). The viewing password is *ICOYCphotos*.

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### **Americas Regional Conference: Annapolis, MD, 11-12 October 2015- Report**

Americas Regional Vice President Jim Burns reports on the findings of the 2015 conference held at Annapolis Yacht Club. See [Regional Conferences/Americas](#) for the full report.

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### **ICOYC Newsletter for October 2015**

The glossy newsletter prepared by Alison Boyd of Royal Southern YC is available for general distribution through your club and selections can be reprinted in your club publications. View the most recent issue in [Library/Newsletters](#) and download it from [HERE](#). You can contact Alison at [newsletter@icoyc.org](mailto:newsletter@icoyc.org).

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### **Next Commodores' Forum: Copenhagen - 19-23 September 2016**

The 2016 Commodores' Forum will be hosted by the [Royal Danish Yacht Club](#) in September 2016. Take a look at the [initial announcement presentation](#) showing the beauties of Copenhagen and the [Save the Date Message](#) and mark your calendars for 19-23 September. *Very* preliminary draft agendas for the meeting schedule and the partners' program can be viewed on [Forums/Next Commodores Forum](#). Registration material will be available in January 2016 along with special hotel reservation prices.

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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.

**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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