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### A Note from the Editor

It's been a while since we have had an eNEWS but the glossy [ICOYC Newsletter](#) prepared by [Alison Boyd](#) was released in April 2015 to spread the good word about ICOYC and its activities. The issue can be downloaded [HERE](#) and contains great articles covering the 2015 Commodore Forum in Auckland and the post Forum ICOYC Cruise in Hauraki Gulf. Please read the newsletter and pass on the issue onto your boating friends.

My wife and I haven't done much boating yet this year, but [Loon Song](#) is ready for cruising. Our two main goals are to make the Grand Tour of the ten Seattle YC outstations (only 5-10 boats accomplish the tour each year) and to circumnavigate Vancouver Island in British Columbia, Canada. This trip will take five weeks and is nearly 1,000 miles of cruising. This will be our third trip around the island and we are looking forward to seeing the sea otters, whales, orcas, and birds, bears, and other wild life on the west side of the island.

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### President's Message -*Privacy is Primary!*

One of the qualities that has bound ICOYC members together in open friendships is our mutual care to keep our communications private and protect our enjoyment of the relationships we have so carefully developed. This morning, as I sat at my desk to write this, I discovered that our privacy was violated by a petty criminal who seeks to dupe us into sending funds to aid a troubled friend with an email containing a fraudulent address appearing to be from ICOYC. Fortunately, nearly everybody approached sensed that the appeal was a fraud, and knew that I never would send such a note without verifying personal contact, and, besides, I don't need the money. Thanks to a few early morning hours spent by me and Bob Miller (the usual hero), we have confirmed that the source of contact information was not the Council itself, but some unintended leak of an old list by another party, yet to be identified. This will all pass, but raises a worthy caution.

Our network of friends is, frankly, a priceless asset, for the Council, and for each of us. That is why the web directory is password protected and includes limited information. That is also why the Council does not publish a printed directory, which can too easily be misdirected. Further, that is why we never publish personal contact information in any public media. You can look it up in the web directory if you need to. The last protective

'firewall' is our mutual trust. Each of us accepts the responsibility to assure that we do not disclose, either by intent or error, any of that information. In this incident, my trust remains intact, and I know that this problem was not the intention of any one of us, but may have been an error. It serves as a good reminder to be consciously careful.

Best Regards,  
*John*

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### **Volunteers Needed - *Get Involved! Have some fun!***

No, this is NOT a request to sit through tedious meetings or write reports, but an opportunity to engage with other members while pursuing your own interests. Over the last few months, the Council has discussed some new activities with the intent of developing more tangible benefits for the members of our clubs. We are inviting any member of a Council Club who has interest in one of the programs to become involved in the development activity. Involvement may be as broad or as limited as wanted, but would hopefully be based on true interest, and possibly a bit of experience. Do YOU, or someone you know, have an interest in:

- ICOYC Interclub Youth Exchange - Developing and executing a program wherein the Council provides support for clubs and families interested in a Youth Sailing Exchange Event, where young people have the opportunity to travel to varied locations to sail and learn in brief sessions, hosted by clubs and families.
- Member Data Exchange - Designing a secure and confidential means of gathering club operating data and sharing the results among participating clubs. This also involves some creative thinking on what data to gather, how to measure certain things, and discovering the reasons for result differences. It's all intended to mutually help our clubs improve.
- Club Correspondent Network - If you're interested in exchanging news or invitations to events with other clubs in your region or worldwide, this might be fun. We need to create our own network of 'correspondents' who establish relationships with the others to facilitate the broadcast of such items and local articles of interest. This might be a club member who is already involved in communications or international affairs.
- Working the Web - Those who are adept at computer usage, but not codewriters, would fit here very well. In addition to keeping the website fresh, we are looking at establishing a blog for member chats, create regular E-News (like this one) and will be working with the Club Correspondents above. This is a small crew working together from anywhere, and can be helped by an hour or two each week.

If you're possibly interested in any of the above, please let me know at [president@icoyc.org](mailto:president@icoyc.org) and we can discuss the possibilities. Your commitment can be limited, and you can withdraw at any time. TRY it, you'll like the activity! Get Involved! some fun!

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### **Download Presentations from 2015 Auckland Commodores' Forum**

The Auckland 2015 Commodores' Forum was spectacular. Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron hosted a very lively and informative forum. Copies of most of the presentations can be downloaded from [Forums/Past Commodores Forums/2015 Auckland](#). This page contains the agenda for the conference and the download links.

**Note:** Copies of the presentations can only be downloaded by **logged-in** members of ICOYC in Adobe's PDF format by clicking on the word PDF for that session. If you don't remember your login credentials, send a

message to [WebEditor@icoyc.org](mailto:WebEditor@icoyc.org) to receive a username and password for viewing the private side of the ICOYC website.

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### **Photos of the Auckland Forum and Hauraki Cruise are Posted**

See the hundreds of photos posted by attendees of the 2015 Commodores' Forum and of the [post-forum cruise](#) on the Gulf of Hauraki in the ICOYC [Photo Gallery](#). The password is *ICOYCphotos*.

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### **Updates to the ICOYC Directory**

We have been somewhat lax in keeping the [ICOYC Member Directory](#) and other contact information to date with changes in member clubs' management and the composition of their Bridges and Boards of Directors. The old system was very labor intensive and required lots of knowledge on how the website is managed. The webmaster has been working on a new and simplified process and testing has started, with the kind support of Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club. We will be sending messages to the Representatives and Alternates, the current Commodore, and the General Manager of each of our member clubs during the month of May to restart the process. Please coordinate your responses in each club and send back your updated contact information. Many thanks to all.

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

[Annapolis Yacht Club](#) cordially invites all ICOYC members to join them in a cruise through the peaceful and historic waters of the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland, USA, 02-10 October 2015. Details and an agenda are posted in the [On the Water/Member Cruises/2015 Annapolis Chesapeake Bay](#) web page, along with the [registration form](#). As of the end of April, the cruise has a good turnout lead by Annapolis YC with 22 cruisers, followed by Royal Southern YC with 14, Saint Francis YC with 10, Seattle YC with 7, Royal Sydney YS with 6, and Royal Vancouver with 2 attendees. These numbers continue to climb. *If you chartered a boat to attend the cruise, but have not yet registered, please do so now or risk being left out of the planning process.*

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### **Americas Conference, 11-12 October 2015**

Jim Burns, Americas Vice President, has called for a regional meeting to be held in Annapolis, MD, immediately following the Chesapeake Bay Cruise. Full details can be found on [Forums/Regional Conferences/Americas](#). All members of ICOYC clubs are invited to attend. Hotel reservations are now open and are discussed on the conference page. Take advantage of the conference and attend the [United States Sailboat Show](#) running at the same time in Annapolis. This is the biggest sailboat show in the USA.

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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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