



## **INTERNATIONAL YACHTING FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIANS SAN FRANCISCO FLEET – ROTARY MARINERS FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER**

### **NEW MEMBER**

**We have a new member! Michael Bretz.** Michael and his family are currently 'wintering' in San Rafael with their Jeanneau "Quicksilver", as part of a journey up and down the West Coast of the USA. Michael is not a Rotarian but was told about IYFR by a relative in Europe who is a Rotarian. **We now have expanded out membership beyond Rotary to Rotaract and a "friend" of Rotary. Welcome Aboard!**

### **UPDATED BYLAWS**

**Our Bylaws (known as General Rules and Regulations) have been updated (January 2021).** A copy is available on our website – [www.iyfrsf.org](http://www.iyfrsf.org). They were last updated in 2004. The format has been changed to match the format of the International Bylaws that were updated in 2019. There are no major changes. We did update the section on communication to members from fax to email, and the authorization to use electronic banking. We are now in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!

### **RBOC**

**At our January social, our member Winston Bumpus, who is President of the Recreational Boaters of California, gave us an overview of the status of recreational boating in California.** There are several issues important to boaters being considered by the state legislature and various agencies and organizations. **Included with this newsletter are the slides that Winston used in his presentation (RBOC IYFR Update).** Take a few minutes to review and if you have any questions you can contact Winston directly at [bumpus@rboc.org](mailto:bumpus@rboc.org).

### **ZOOM**

**Our next Zoom Social will be on Tuesday, February 23rd, at 7:00 pm.** We hope that you will join us. A link will be sent out soon.

## FLEET OFFICERS

One of the items in our Bylaws that we have allowed to lapse (guilty as charged) is having a **Vice Commodore and Rear Commodores** to provide continuous leadership for the San Francisco Fleet. According to the By-Laws, my term as Commodore ends on June 30, 2021.

Please give some thought to stepping up and doing your stint to keep us going. Duties are limited – it is not like being a Rotary Club President. I will keep doing this newsletter if you like.

## SERVICE PROJECT PROMOTION

Because **Far West PETS** (which includes all the Districts in Northern California and Hawaii) is going to be a virtual event from March 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>, there is an opportunity for clubs and Rotary Fellowships to promote service projects.

**We are planning on putting together information on boating related projects Rotarians have been involved in.** These include the Inclusive Sailing program for those with physical disabilities at the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club using the two specially equipped boats on loan from the Newport Beach Yacht Club, the Blind Sailing Program at the Richmond Yacht Club, and the Bay Area Monthly Beach Clean-up organized by the Half Moon Bay Rotary Club. We will also be promoting our Scholarship for Call of the Sea.

**If you or your club are involved in any boating related community service projects,** please let us know BY February 15<sup>th</sup> so we may include them.

## WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

You can always get information about the Fleet at [www.iyfrsf.org](http://www.iyfrsf.org), and on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/International-Yachting-Fellowship-of-Rotarians-San-Francisco-Fleet-252440458244339/>

## BURGEES & CLOTHING

We have IYFR burges available. If you would like an IYFR burgee we have a few available. **They are full size (12" x 22") and top quality.** \$20.00 including postage. Send check to IYFRSF @ 303 Jetty Drive, Richmond, CA 94804.




If you are interested in IYFR clothing items (with either the burgee, the letters, or both), **BVI Apparel USA**, Inc has the digitized artwork for both embroidery and silk screen. BVI is in California and is a Rotarian owned business. [www.bviapparelusa.com](http://www.bviapparelusa.com)



## MEMBER BUSINESS

In these extraordinary times, we are taking the liberty of **running boating related ads from IYFR members and Rotarians free of charge**. If you know of any Rotarians with a boating related business, please have them contact [commodore@iyfrsf.org](mailto:commodore@iyfrsf.org).



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