



The Nautilass Special COVID Edition

THE OFFICIAL SCANDALOUS NEWSLETTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF YACHTING ROTARIANS WA FLEET



Welcome to this special COVID Edition of the now, not so new look, Nautilass Newsletter, full of scandal gossip and occasionally even the truth. This edition is designed to keep the fellowship going even in times of extreme social distancing!

Here in Western Australia we have been restricted in our boating activities with Rottnest Island still out of bounds but all is not lost! You can be part of a global IYFR Virtual Regatta! Yes, you don't even have to leave your own home!

The San Francisco Fleet (USA) Invites you to participate in a Virtual IYFR Regatta on June 11th 2020

(Entries close June 6th)

IYFR WA Fleet members, families and friends, it's time to show your creative skills off and put WA on the map!

We can connect with each other by decorating our boats or creating decorated model boats and then sharing them with each other via photographs to keep the IYFR spirit and our shared love of

boating alive this year! All entries of decorated boats or model boats will be shared in a PowerPoint with IYFR and Rotarians around the world! No boat is too big or too small and no decorations are too elaborate or too modest to enter.





Siblings enjoying their day out on the Swan River

GET YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN TO RISE TO THE CHALLENGE AND DECORATE A REAL OR MODEL BOAT BEFORE THE 6TH JUNE!

HERE ARE THE "RULES":

1. Any IYFR fleet or individual IYFR member may enter, along with non-IYFR Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors. Children and grandchildren may help.
2. Decorated boats may be model boats or real boats of any type or size.
3. Decorate or create boats to express the 2019-2020 Rotary International theme - *Rotary Connects The World*.
4. Use your imagination and show national or regional pride or type of boat.
5. Send up to 3 photographs of your boat.
6. **FORMAT FOR ENTRIES: please provide**
 - a. **WORD Document** with description of entry.
 - b. **JPEG format** in high resolution of photograph(s) of each boat.
7. Send entries to: Alan Test at commodore@iyfrsf.org by June 6th

This is not a contest. It is an opportunity for IYFR members to connect with each other around the world and have fun!

All entries will receive a Certificate of Participation



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Robert Burns, International Commodore

This is keeping the 'fun, fun, fun' in IYFR at a particularly difficult time, bringing us together and connecting the world both real and virtual. Many thanks to our San Francisco Fleet for organizing such an innovative event.

Robert Burns, International Commodore, IYFR



IYFR International Convention Honolulu 6-10th June 2020 **CANCELLED**

The IYFR Convention in Honolulu this year is cancelled due to COVID-19. Hopefully we will see you next year! Details of the convention will be available later in the year by visiting www.rotafloat.org



COVID-19 Update for Boaties

Find out about the WA Government's directions regarding recreational boating during COVID-19.

The following information is taken from the Department of Transport's website and is current as at Friday 1st May 2020. Please refer to the website often for updates:

Can I go boating?

Yes. The State Government has identified boating as one of the non-contact recreational activities that is now allowed, with up to 10 people for boating and fishing as long as appropriate social distancing measures are followed and the four square metre per person rule is observed. Please view the WA State Government's [directions on gatherings and social distancing](#).

Can I go kiteboarding, windsurfing, kayaking or take out my paddle craft?

Yes. As recreational activities, kiteboarding, windsurfing, kayaking or paddling is allowed, as long as you follow social distancing directions including the four square metre per person rule and limit activities to the 10-person rule. Please view the WA State Government's [directions on gatherings and social distancing](#).

If I go boating what do I need to remember?

If boating with other people (up to 10) that you do not reside with, ensure you maintain social distancing and the four square metre per person rule is observed. Use hand sanitiser where there is any contact with shared surfaces. If you are boating alone, please ensure you tell someone where you are going, check the weather and [conditions](#) and wear a [lifejacket](#).

Should I do anything different at the launch ramp?

Wait your turn at the ramp and if there are two lanes, only use one to ensure social distancing. Do the same on your return to the ramp when retrieving your boat from the water. Remember to maintain social distancing and personal hygiene at all times.

Are there restrictions on where I can go boating?

Skippers should be aware of the current [notices to mariners](#). There are also restrictions preventing vessels crossing [regional boundaries](#).

Can I go to Rottneest?

There are restrictions for access to [Rottneest Island and the surrounding waters](#).

Restricted and supervised access to the exclusion zone off Rottne Island to retrieve crayfish pots will be granted to recreational fishers. This is to retrieve equipment only and disembarking on the island is strictly prohibited.

Recreational fishers wishing to retrieve cray pots must register with Rottne Island Authority to arrange ranger supervision by contacting 9372 9788 or rangers@rotnestisland.com.au

Do regional travel restrictions apply to boats?

Yes. There are restrictions preventing vessels crossing [regional boundaries](#). Do not travel outside your region unless you are exempt.

Can I do maintenance on my boat at a marina?

Check with marina staff at the facility before going.

Are DoT maritime facilities open?

Yes. However, in line with Government advice, if your visit is not essential, please reconsider your need to attend.

Will there be a pause on boat registrations?

No. We are continuing to process recreational boat registrations.

Can charter vessels operate?

Charter vessels are now permitted to operate with a maximum of 10 people as long as they ensure there is enough space to accommodate four square metres per person and social distancing and good hygiene measures are practised. Please view the WA State Government's [closure and restriction directions](#).

[Translation and interpreter services](#) are available for DoT customers. For further information about COVID in languages other than English, visit [COVID-19 coronavirus: Advice in other languages](#).

<https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/aboutus/recreational-boating-advice.asp>

Message from the Commodore

The Board of Cystic Fibrosis WA passed a special motion last month to thank IYFR WA Fleet for providing a fantastic day out on the Swan River in March for siblings of children living with CF.

COVID-19 has had a devastating effect on the economy and charities like Cystic Fibrosis WA are not immune.

In 2020, CFWA planned to sell 20,000 roses across WA to raise much needed funds for services and research that will one day find a cure. Unfortunately, this is not now possible but you can still help by sending, dedicating or buying a virtual rose to someone you love.

Visit www.rosegarden.org.au

Thank you!



Commodore Nigel Flying the Flag for IYFR WA Fleet

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