

## 2013/14 IASYC Bridge DeButs !

The official Installment of the 2013-14 IASYC Bridge was held on July 4th at the Osteria Proato in Indianapolis, IN. Officers included: Don Gortowski, Commodore; Bob Feustel; Vice Commodore; Bill Kennedy, Rear Commodore; Ray Desrochers, Fleet Captain and David Harris, Secretary/ Treasurer. Gifts to the Bridge members were made by former Commodore Lonnie Ramos and his First Lady Ann. Commodore Gortowski then presented to Lonnie, on behalf of his Bridge, an inscribed Plaque/Ship's Bell honoring him for the significant contributions he has made to the Club, not only as Commodore, but for all the years he was a Bridge member also.

The Installation was performed by the current Potentate of Crescent Temple, the Illustrious Sir Henry J. Haugmy.

Preceding the luncheon, Commodore Don Gortowski introduced many honored guests from the U.S. and other countries. Following the Installation, lunch was served.

During the week, the Gortowski's had led attendees through a world wind of exciting venues including a tour of the Indianapolis 500 Race Track, the world's largest and one of the most exciting. On the day of the Indy 500 over 300,000 spectators attend the race. Even the newsroom is filled with some 500 radio, TV and print sports news reporters.



They serve who also stand and wait! We waited out the rain for the Imperial Parade and the show went on!



The tour also included a visit from top of the corporate viewing boxes to venturing down to the pits where we were able to view many stock cars which were testing equipment and tires at speeds up to 200 mph. Following the track tour, we toured the Indy Winners Museum which display cars that were actually used in the 1800's, as well as specially built vehicles tested at western "salt flats" at speeds approaching 600 mph.

### The unforgettable Scottish Rite Cathedral

Built in the 1800's by Master Masons, Indianapolis boasts one of the most magnificent Cathedrals in the United States. Monies for its construction were raised by some 55,000 members of the Temple to the glory of Jesus Christ and for use by all. The main dining room seats up to 2500, its magnificent Theatre seats up to 1500 and its simply awesome stained glass windows and crystal chandeliers take one's breath away. You could not go wrong on any trip that takes you to the Midwest to allow yourself the reward of visiting this wonderful Indianapolis attraction.

Our real "home away from home" was the hospitality room arranged for by Vera Gortowski.

She not only made sure it was comfortable, but that it was well stocked with snacks and beverages. In addition, she arranged for David Harris to ship in and display a complete inventory of uniforms and accessories. Vera, along with other Ladies of the Bridge, made sure that every visitor was greeted and introduced to every other guest and made everyone feel as though you were among family. Vera is a powerful woman with a velvet touch and will make a formidable First Lady in the coming year!

### Imperial Parade Goes On!

Throughout the week, the rains came and the wind blew. No one knew up until the very last minute if it would "step off" or not, but the decision was Go. The rains came and the crowd was light, but the Shrine Spirit was, as always, high. The Hadi Temple Mariners Unit had brought a beautifully built Paddle Wheel River Boat Float and Parade members including Vice Commodore Bob Feustel and Secretary/Treasurer David Harris were proud IASYC passengers! (photo at left).

Editor's Note: A tremendous amount of planning and work go into putting on our Imperial Meetings. If there is one sad note it is that so few of our membership attend. Granted it costs money and time, but these meetings are so terrific that once attended you will want to come back every year. It's this camaraderie that builds an organization that creates the fellowship that creates our true brotherhood. Plan now on attending Tampa in February 2014.



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## How to Start a new Shrine Yacht Club or Mariner Unit

If you are a member of a Shrine Center that does not have a Shrine Yacht Club or Mariner Marching Unit, and you've been wondering how to start one, here are the steps you need to take. These steps are simple, but may not be necessarily easy. Of course, few things that are really worthwhile are seldom easy, but the experience is worth every minute of the effort you put into it!

1. Call your Shrine Center Office and talk to your Shrine Center's Recorder. tell him you wish to start a new club/unit and inquire what is required to do so. (While this seems obvious, each Shrine can likely have a slightly different protocol to follow).
2. Ask to attend meetings of other clubs and units in order to ask if any of their members would like to join yours. Run an article in the next issue of your Shrine's Hi-Noble magazine announcing the possible formation of such a club/unit if enough interest is shown. Mention the number of active yacht clubs/ mariner marching units throughout the US and elsewhere in the world through IASYC.
3. Set up a meeting at your Shrine Center and invite all interested parties to attend (including members of the Shrine Divan) and to discuss the club/unit formation. If positive, mail a letter to your Shrine Center Potentate. He (and only He) has the authority to approve or disapprove a club or unit formation. Clubs must apply for non-profit status and obtain IRS Form 990; Units will operate under the Shrine Center umbrella.
4. Next, set up a second meeting to discuss appointing a Bridge, making a decision as to the amount of annual member dues required and the initial collection of same, the naming of the bank chosen for all financial matters, and the monthly date and time to be selected for permanent meetings.
5. Meet with the Shrine Recorder to finalize any paper work necessary for the Center's final recognition of the new Club/Unit.
6. Have all members of your Club/Unit fill out applications for joining the IASYC. The information available for new formations will be invaluable!

*Application Flyers are available in quantity from*

*Secretary Dave Harris.  
Call: 941-629-0144*



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### IASYC "Yachtsman" Editor

William Kennedy (Khedive)

### Quarter Master

David Harris (Araba)



For those of you who have wondered how IASYC began...It was organized in 1971 by representatives from the MAASYC representing a number of Shrine Yacht Clubs whose members were affiliated with the boating fraternity. It is a fraternal, self supporting Shrine boating association dedicated to the furtherance of the aims of Shrinedom. It has grown from its infancy on the East Coast to all 50 states and many foreign countries. Its expansion continues with no end in sight. It is considered by many to be the most family oriented premier organization in all Shrinedom!

**The International Shrine Yachtsman** is published quarterly by IASYC. Four issues are printed and mailed to members; Four are published electronically on the official IASYC Web site.

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# Signals from the Bridge:

For the past few weeks I've been thinking about what I would like to accomplish during my tenure as your IASYC Commodore. I know I want to emphasize our personal growth as Masons and as Shriners help develop a closer relationship with you and all members throughout the US and abroad; however, the distance between wanting and doing is often greater and more difficult than one realizes, but I want you to know that while attending the Annual Imperial Shrine Meeting recently held in Indianapolis *something clicked when Vera and I were fortunate to be able to tour the Scottish Rite Cathedral. While there, I experienced my own personal epiphany!* I realized that this magnificent structure, built to honor Christ, built by Master Masons' hands, represents similar goals as the ones that I want to stress over this coming year including personal service to both IASYC and to every individual member. To this end, my theme for 2013-2014 is...

“Master Building our Ship of State!”

As some of you know, I was born and raised for the most part in Chicago. There I learned the mechanics of printing and book binding. Later, I moved and started my own business in New Jersey. Let's face it. I know I appear a bit rough on the outside, but I am more gentle and caring on the inside. It's the inside, my brain and heart, that really counts. They allow me to tell you that I want to put my hand into yours and say I care about you, your goals and your aspirations. Because of this, I am committed to continue to build on IASYC's past accomplishments and to help you succeed in realizing your own personal goals. Let's make this year as monumental as the magnificent Cathedral that stands in the shining sun at the center of this fantastic country!

Our Master Ship of State stands ready to sail!  
Will you be aboard?

## Don

Don Gortowski, IASYC Commodore

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Bob Feustal, Vice Commodore

Greetings Fellow Boaters



Summer's sailing by us faster than you can imagine. Labor Day weekend will soon be upon us and outdoor water activities will slowly be drawing down as the weather dictates.

We have finished having some maintenance done on our boat "Classy Lady," and will be enjoying the water as much as time permits. First mate Gail and I enjoyed being with everyone at Imperial in Indianapolis. We continue to meet new people and make new friends that share our enthusiasm in this fine Association every time we attend an IASYC function.

A special thanks to Hadi Shrine, III. Sir Jerry Thacker, Nobles Bill Davis and Dave Horn, and all IASYC members, may I add, who graciously provided their Hadi Mariner float for the IASYC visiting members to ride on during the Shrine Parade on Monday night, July 1st. Thank you Brother Nobles for the opportunity and your hospitality afforded to us..

Congratulations to newly installed Commodore Don Gortowski and First Mate Vera for showing us a good time. We both wish you the very best in the coming year.

We continue putting together a great IASYC experience for the 140th Imperial Session in Minneapolis next year. I will pass more information on to everyone following our trip to Minneapolis in September.

I look forward to working with everyone this year to further the growth of this great organization.

Fraternally yours,

Bob Feustel

IASYC Vice Commodore 2013-2014

**Bil Kennedy, Rear Commodore**



Contrary to what you might have heard or thought, I've discovered that the biggest amount of work I have to do is field the telephone.

In doing so, all types of interesting information comes flowing in. For example, did you know that the Annual Meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs will be held at 1100 on September 6, 2013, at the Double Tree Hotel at Virginia Beach, VA, at which the Change of Watch for MAASYC will be held....On Oct. 6th, a joint meeting/cookout will be held with the Melha Shrine Club and the Bektash Shrine Yacht Club in Springfield, MA, followed by a cruise on the Connecticut River, weather permitting....Dave Harris IASYC reports that we have signed up ten new members in July! Isn't that great?....Bill Davis, our newest District Commodore for IN, presented Honorary Membership Certificates from the Hadi Mariners Club to the new IASYC Bridge at

their recent Meeting at the Indianapolis Imperial

...Harvey Kepinaki of the Moslem Shrine Yacht Club says that the Miller Marina gas dock in his area is offering all Moslem Shrine Yacht Club Members twenty cents off a gallon of fuel and a free pump out after you spend \$100 on fuel. You never know what you can get if you don't ask! Also, the Moslem Club recently honored Bill Shaffmaster at a birthday Dinner for his many contributions to the club. Have you honored your top volunteers lately?

**Ray Desrochers, Fleet Captain**

As Fleet Captain, my primary responsibility is to promote fully the interest and development of IASYC as it relates to recruiting of membership, both individual members, as well as assisting in the organization and formation of new Shrine Yacht Clubs within the outline of the IASYC.



As you observe the Regional Map with the list of Clubs, you will find we have assigned additional Club Nobles to the position of Regional Ambassadors, District Commodores and Port Captains in the North East Region. During my recently attended Remeses Shrine Yacht Club meeting in Toronto, Canada, I appointed Noble Brian Graham as District Commodore and Noble Donald Reid as Port Captain, which has resulted in even more enthusiasm towards membership in IASYC and man- power development.

I have been in contact with a number of Nobles of various Clubs

and they, too, are excited about the direction of the organization. Many Nobles continue to increase membership through regular monthly meetings/cook-outs.

Michigan, for example, continues to increase membership by inviting fellow Masons and Nobles to attend the monthly meetings of their Yacht Club. After recently attending a Moslem Shrine Yacht Club meeting, I have appointed Harvey Kirpinske as District Commodore of Michigan resulting in even greater enthusiasm in the Great Lakes Region.

Noble Bill Davis has been appointed as District Commodore of the State of Indiana, resulting in a number of new members for IASYC in the South East Region; and the Western Region there is a new appointment of Vern Benson as Ambassador. Vern is from Suisun City, CA.

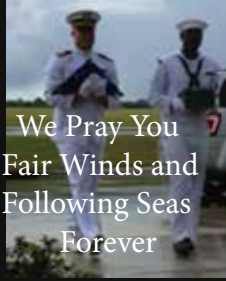
In the weeks and months to come, as Fleet Captain, I promise to continue to share my enthusiasm with fellow Yachtsmen throughout the Regional Map, and assist them in any way needed in recruiting and manpower development within the organization.

**Dave Harris, Secretary/Treasurer**



What a year this is turning out to be: incredibly busy but wildly productive, especially the Imperial in Indianapolis where the latest financial reports were presented,

# IN MEMORIAM



Former Twice Commodore  
El Jebel Temple Yacht Club  
Paul Rudy Marshall  
Denver, CO

Former Member of  
El Jebel Yacht Club  
John A Waugaman  
Denver, CO

Former Life Member of  
Tripoli Yacht Club  
Otto A. Fuchs  
Milwaukee, WI

Former PC of  
Sahib Mariners  
Art Monson  
Sarasota, FL

Former Member of  
Murat Yacht Club  
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Former Member of  
El Jebel Mariners  
Richard A. Knorr  
Denver, CO

Former Member of  
Tripoli Yacht Club  
Richard Steingreaber  
Milwaukee, WI

Former Member of  
Ashmes Mariners  
Earl C. Christy  
Livermore, CA

## Major IASYC Events Where We're Going!

2014 Winter Meeting-Tampa, FL/Criuse  
(Feb. 13-23)

2014 Summer Meeting-Minneapolis, MN  
(July 7-10)

2015 Winter Meeting-Palm Beach, FL,  
(March TBA)

2015 Summer Meeting-Houston, TX,  
(July 5-9)

2016 Summer Meeting-New Orleans, LA  
(March TBA)

## Where We've Been!

FLORIDA	CALIFORNIA	OTHER	FOREIGN
Key West	San Diego	Scottsdale	San Juan
Ft Lauderdale	Martinez	Mobile	Cabo San Lucas
Plantation Keys	Elk Grove	Newburgh	South Padre
Orlando		Indianapolis	
Bradington		Portland	
Marathon			
Ft. Meyers			
Punta Gorda			
Sarasota			
Singer Islands			

Note: Summer Meetings are always held in the home city of the newly installed Imperial Potentate; Winter Meetings are chosen by the newly installed International Commodore.

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For those of you who would like to attend a really great meeting in October, the Florida Shrine Yacht Association will hold its annual meeting Oct 3-5 at Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. A wonderful program is planned and the price is right. Come see your friends and have a ball. To register, just call me at 941-629-0144. I'll send a program.

Please check the "Boat Store" in this issue as we have some fantastic SALES PRICES! (Tell your wife this is a chance to lay away a few great items for your Christmas stocking!)

## PIC Charlie Downing Gives Up Yacht!



If you're looking for a great deal on a great boat, take a look at PIC Charlie Downing's 49 ft. Hyatt Sonata 5300. A "class" dream boat that cruises up to 21 kt. powered by twin diesels that hold 700 gal., contains two stations, six berths w/twin state rooms with elegant bath rooms (Jacuzzi tub and glassed showers), every amenity, total electronics package, fully carpeted, varnished teak paneling throughout. She is, according to Charlie, "A tremendous two bedroom condo with a permanent waterfront view and the ability to go anywhere in the islands you want to go." Yes, Indeedy" (757) 620-0866

# From The Ladies Perspective:

“Wow! What an exciting year it’s been so far!”

“Indianapolis was so much fun. What a wonderful city. I loved the tours that Don arranged. We really have to go back again some day.

“I was thrilled at the size of our hospitality room and Dave and Sandy did a fantastic job of displaying all the IASYC clothing and accessory items. The sales were brisk! “The ladies luncheon and the banquet luncheon both went well. The food and service were xcellent. You never really what you are going to get until it happens, so I am most grateful.



**Lady Vera Gortowski**

“Please plan now to attend our winter meeting in Tampa, plus a wonderful cruise that is scheduled to make landings at both Belize and Honduras.. The ship is well regarded and the price is right!”



**Sandy Harris**

Hello all! Indianapolis is truly a beautiful city.

The IASYC Ladies Breakfast has become a very enjoyable tradition. This past one, held in Indianapolis, was an exceptional culinary delight. The buffet was beautiful and chock full of every- thing one could wish for. One of our ladies was able to sample bread pudding for the first time; that is just how diverse the buffet was!

This group of ladies is no ordinary group of ladies. Here are some of their accomplish- ments and interests (without naming names, but you know who they are): an author of at least two books, a violinist, a jewelry designer, one who danced with one of the stars of “Dancing With the Stars”. One volunteers at her local animal shelter and does pet therapy with the elderly. Another is a diligent fund raiser for the Shrine Hospitals and winters in Marathon, FL. There is an elderly nurse, a retired school teacher. One has a career in forensics, another a union negotiator. One is a pro golfer. One not only raised her own family, but fostered other children, too; and one cancer survivor. Most all are well traveled.

This unique and congenial group forms the Sisterhood known as the Ladies of IASYC.



**Gall Feustel**

As spouses, I think we can help in reaching this goal by talking to our counterparts at the local yacht or mariner club to join the IASYC, pointing out the fun they will have, how many special events are planned for the ladies while our husbands are in their meetings, and escort them to the next IASYC Meeting.

The person that made me want to come to International was Sarah Omer. At my first meeting in Denver, Sarah could see I was totally lost and made a special effort that now makes me look forward each year to seeing all the many friends I have gotten to know just over the past few years. I hope someday I can be a mentor that will make a difference in a new member’s first experience.

Meanwhile, our current Commodore Don and Lady Vera are off to a wonderful start. Let’s all pitch in and help grow this already wonder ful group of folks!

It hardly seems possible that Imperial is behind us and we are already starting to think about Mid-Winter. Actually, Bob is now making plans and speaking to people in Minnesota. I had the best time at this year’s Imperial. I felt so comfortable and remembered almost everybody’s first name. What that means to me is that the same dedicated Mariners come to our two meetings each year on a regular basis. What an accomplishment if each couple brought along another couple each year.

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# Get Ready to R-u-m-b-l-e!



Lady Betty Kennedy, wife of IASYC Rear Commodore, sits in an INDY Race Car. No stranger to racing, Betty has run "Legends around the Newport News, VA, Langley Racing Track. She Says "Driving race cars is better than a Mint Julip on a hot summer's day!"

Betty Hovey/Desrochers

Ray and I have been resting on our boat after four fun filled days in Indianapolis as we attended the Imperial Session with IASYC Yachtsmen and their ladies for the Change of Command. It was great revisiting with Shrine friends that we had met at our first winter meeting in 2011 in Scottsdale, AZ. I can't say enough about how well we all blend together coming from various states with the same goal in mind, and that is to support our husband the Shriner, who is giving of his time in an effort to keep the great philanthropy alive.

The Officers in their yachting blazers, white trousers and Fez made for a prestigious celebration as the new Bridge was installed by 2013 Potentate Henry J. Haughey, Crescent Shrine Temple, Westhampton, NJ. A delicious meal followed and the new Officers were on their way to fulfill their elected duties for the year ahead.

Best wishes and safe boating!  
First Mate, Betty Hovey-Desrochers

## Betty Kennedy

I call the cafeteria to see if I could get the recipe The Manager, Arsela, was delighted to share the recipe with all of you. Here it is for those "sweet Potato" carrot lovers. It is so "yummy"! If Bill likes it, you know it has to be good!

We went on to take in the splendors of the Cathedral, enhanced by the expertise of our Shriner tour guide. Thank you Shriners and Ladies for a wonderful experience.

### Carrot Souffle (12 servings)

(Compliments of Double Eagle Cafe & Eagle Cafe & Cornerstone Catering, Ind.)

Butter - 12 oz. Sugar - 1 1/2 cups  
Flour - 9 tbs  
Salt - 1 tsp Carrots - 3 lbs.  
Baking Powder - 3 tsp Eggs - 9  
Vanilla - 3 tsp

*Peel carrots and cook until very well done so that they will mash easily. Place carrots in blender, blend well. Place dry mixture, eggs and butter into blender and mix well. The mixture should look like a milk shake. Bake in 8 x 8 greased pan at 275 degrees for 45 minutes.*

Well, I have now experienced my 2nd Imperial Conference and even though the weather did not cooperate, the camaraderie that I experienced among my renewed fellowship with the IASYC ladies made up for the lack of sunshine.

This is my 4th conference and I am slowly getting to put the names to the faces. They say it takes five times of being with someone to remember their names, but that is when you see them often. When there is a time lapse in between, it takes even longer.

In addition to the camaraderie, there also was the pleasure of cuisine. One special experience was dining, of all places, at the friendly cafeteria prior to our tour of the magnificent Scottish Rite Cathedral. In going through the cafeteria, I spotted some delicious looking "mashed sweet potatoes" and proceeded to pile them on my plate. When I arrived at the table, everyone was raving about the sweet potatoes. I agreed they were delicious. I noticed that it tasted like carrots had been added. It turns out they were totally mashed carrots! Absolutely scrumptious. Bill, who usually does not touch carrots, suggested



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# Get Your Club Going and Growing!



IASYC District Commodore for Indiana, Bill Davis and best friend

## Organize a Skeet/Trap Competition for More Cash for your Hospital!

IASYC District Commodore for Indiana Bill Davis (Hadi) has come up with a real moneymaker, namely a Skeet/Trap Competition. Some 75 avid competitors showed up at the Evansville Gun Club for two days to vie for trophies and cash awards. To prove the popularity of this sport, shooters even came from different states to participate, Davis said. This sport is rapidly growing throughout the U.S. Google “skeet/trap competitions” to discover how many such events take place over the course of a year.

Bill and his assistant (shown in photo) offer their help in telling you how to plan and execute this exciting event that will add hundreds of dollars to your club’s Hospital Transportation Fund! Call him at: 812-449-4637

## Plan a Cruise and Invite all Potential Future Sailors To Ride Along!

Chet Dunn, PIC, IASYC Regional Ambassador and Ray Desrochers, IASYC Fleet Captain, both located in the North East Region, have become masters at attracting potential new members to IASYC by arranging cruises to interesting local venues and inviting prospects from the Temples in the area to “come along for the ride and stop off to have a bite along the way!” Word is getting out all over the area about the friendliness of our organization and of the sheer fun of going out on the water. The ladies are especially impressed and eager for their husbands to become members.

Friends, family, fun, sunshine, salt air, beautiful blue water, New England Clam Chowder... what a combination for success! Give it a try in your area. What’s to lose?



North East Regional Ambassador Chet Dunn, PIC, and IASYC Fleet Captain, Ray Desrochers enjoy a marvelous New England Cruise and luncheon with friends.

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Throughout Shrinedom, Memorial Services have always been a part of our lives. It would appear, however, that they are not as popular now as in the past. This is a shame because such

## Hold a Memorial Service for your Club's Nobles who have passed Over the Bar.

services are not only honorable unto themselves, but help to bring our membership closer together, to enhance our bonding to each other, which, in turn, improves our efficiency in carrying out other Shrine activities.

Memorial Services can be held for honoring those Shiners who have made outstanding contributions to our brotherhood over their many years of service; but, they can be held for honoring our military for the gift of their lives to help us remain free. In the above photo, the Khedive Yacht Club has traditionally held Memorial Day Services at the King's Creek Marina, Cape Charles, VA. The service is not only attended by yacht club members, but the public is invited as well. At the end of the ceremony a natural wreath is placed on the Chesapeake Bay waters and the sound of Taps is heard echoing across waves. Few leave who, though saddened, are not proud of our brave heritage. A similar Service was also held by Almas Yacht Club at the recent MAASYC Meeting at Solomon Island to honor their former Club Members.

A few years ago, Kena Yacht Club of Fairfax, VA, membership was getting perilously low. As luck would have it, a decision was made to hold an annual promotion event to attempt to attract new blood. Members make special efforts to go to as many Commodore Balls of other Yacht Clubs in their Region in order to attract moral and financial support. The results have been very encouraging! Member participation at monthly meetings has increased, as has attendance at other Club functions. Club Chairmen have gone all out to make their Pirates Ball fun and exciting. They include a scavenger hunt for treasure, raffles for baskets of cheer and 50/50's, costume competitions, a "walking the plank" event that is really tough, a fantastic buffet, dancing, a silent auction and a devious DJ who manages somehow to get everyone up and dancing.

What's more - the event makes money and grows bigger every year!

We want to know what you are doing to increase your Club's membership and raise more funds for our kids. Please email your information and photos to: IASYC Editor Bill Kennedy [billkennedy6@verizon.net](mailto:billkennedy6@verizon.net)

*The Yachtsman is your source for news and promotion*

## Hardly anything's more Fun and Exciting than a Pirates Ball



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# 2014 IASYC Mid-Winter Meeting



Vera and I would like you to join us at IASYC winter meeting in Tampa Florida February the 13th through 16th at the Best Western Hotel on Tampa Bay. Seven day cruise leaving on February 16th on the Norwegian Dawn leaving from Tampa to Rotan, Belize, Costa Maya and Cozumel returning on the 23rd. Take a winter break and join us

**Best Western Bay Harbor Hotel**

Reservations Desk: 1-813-281-8900

7700 Courtney Campbell Causeway, Tampa, FL 33607

Be sure to mention IASYC when booking room. Room rates for this block Bay View \$99.00 plus tax - City View \$89.00 plus tax



**Waterfront Hotel  
with  
Premier Comforts**

The Best Western Bay Harbor hotel is a 3.5-star property set along a calming waterfront location in Tampa. Its site is near the downtown area, Clearwater Beach and pulsating Watershore district where many entertainment venues, restaurants and malls are located. Guests can enjoy a fitness center, a beach volleyball court and outdoor pool onsite as well as a bar and restaurant and a private dock. After a long day outdoors, guests can retreat to 260 guestrooms packed with cable televisions, complimentary internet access and balconies that open to city or bay views.

#### **AMENITIES INCLUDE:**

- Airport shuttle • Family Rooms • Free parking • Fitness center • Swimming pool
- Wheelchair accessible • Tennis Courts • Business center • Restaurant • Meeting rooms
- High-speed internet • Interior Corridor

#### **Meeting Schedule:**

##### **Thursday February 13**

Don and Vera will greet the new arrivals Lunch and Dinner on your own  
5:00 pm - Hospitality

##### **Friday February 14**

Tour Shrine Imperial Tour Shrine Hospital  
4:00 pm Ybor - Dinner & Show (Sep. Cks.) On return - Hospitality

##### **Saturday February 15**

9:30 am Board Meeting 10:00 am General Meeting  
9:30 am Ladies Breakfast Dinner on your own  
5:00 pm - Hospitality

##### **Sunday February 16**

Depart for Cruise Ship

Meeting Schedule subject to changes

# 7 Day Cruise to Exotic Western Caribbean Ports



**Sun - Depart Tampa 4:00 PM**

**Mon - At Sea**

**Tue - Roatan, Bay Islands, Honduras 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

Roatan, Bay Islands, Honduras-Beautiful and unspoiled. Roatan is a peaceful, eco-tourist's dream, just 30 miles off the coast of Honduras. Teeming with marine life and home to some of the best pillar coral in the Caribbean, the pristine Belizean Reef is a diver's paradise. The beauty of Tabyana Beach is always a sight to see. (Current shopping maps available onboard.)

**Wed - Belize City, Belize 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

Belize City, Belize-Long before the 17th-century powers to fight over Belizean sovereignty, a complex Mayan civilization flourished here. Today, many of the architectural treasures from that amazing lost culture remain for you to explore in virtually untouched verdant jungles. (Current shopping maps available onboard.)

**Thu - Costa Maya, Mexico 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

Costa Maya, Mexico. This unspoiled coastal paradise in the Yucatan sprawls off the beaten path with brilliant butterflies, exotic tropical birds, deer, monkeys; even jaguars are said to roam the remote parts of this pristine jungle. (Current shopping maps available onboard.)

**Fri - Cozumel, Mexico 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

Cozumel, Mexico. The island of Cozumel off the tip of the Yucatan Peninsula continues to be known for its fantastic fishing, snorkeling and diving opportunities. Despite the growth of tourism in recent years, the island and its only town, San Miguel, retain much of their original warmth and charm. (Current shopping maps available onboard.)

**Sat - At Sea**

**Sun - Arrive Tampa 8:00 AM**

**Good news! We have until Oct 10, 2013 to Call Sheri Kirkman for a cabin with names and a deposit of \$500 within a week. Final payments are due Nov 25, 2013. EVERY CABIN will get a \$50 Onboard Credit. CALL now for a cabin talk to Sheri Kirkman her Direct line: (800)393-1443 cell: 303-929-4014 Sheri.@AvoyaTravel.com Reference: (IASYC Group #A133482)**

**Here are the rates per person for 2 people in a cabin:**

**Inside Cabin - \$644.46 Includes Port Charges and Taxes**

**Oceanview Obstructed: \$704.46 Includes Port Charges and Taxes**

**Oceanview-Unobstructed: 734.46 Includes Port Charges and Taxes**

**Balcony - \$1074.46 Includes Port Charges and Taxes**

**All cabin rates are per person based on double occupancy. Triple & quad cabins are on request basis.**

**Optional Costs: Travel Insurance: \$89-150 per person. Transfers: \$40 person round trip.**

**Trip Gratuities: \$84 per person.**

**Remember!!!!!!**

**Final payments are due Nov 25, 2013.**



## A special message from the Commadore...

I realize that I'm using more space than generally allowed for anyone individual, but I hope you will bear with I me this time. After all, you only get to be Commodore once.

It's hard to believe how fast time flies by when you're having fun. I joined IASYC eight years ago in support of my friend Charley Downing (Khedive) who was Commodore at the time. Since participating, we have met some of the most dedicated, hard working and fun loving people. It has been a pleasure to be in their company. After serving under Commodores Klauas Reinwarth (Amara), Bob Omer (ElJabel) and Lonnie Ramos (Almas), I am looking forward to the ensuing year as your Commodore. I would especially like to thank Past Commodore Lonnie Ramos and his Lady Ann for all they have done for IASYC and their continued dedication.

July 11 - 14, Vera and I attended the Mid Atlantic Association of Shrine Yacht Club's Rendezvous held at Solomon Islands, MD. Also present were Bill Kennedy Rear Commodore and now PIC Lonnie Ramos. The event was well attended by members of Almas, Boumi, Crescent, Kena, Khedive, Lulu and Nur Yacht Clubs. The Boat Parade was cancelled due to the weather, but that did not stop the radio control race which ran without a hitch. Also, the boat decorations competition was held in bright sun shine. Almas Yacht Club's Commodore Fletcher Johnson led the Memorial Service for those who have passed over the bar. A great dinner was held in the Holiday Inn's private dining room. Daily Hospitality was shared by all Yacht Clubs under the big tent. MAASYC Commodore Maurice Her-

bert and his Bridge did a fantastic job!

We congratulate Maurice who has also accepted the office of IASYC Mid-Atlantic Regional Ambassador.

July 20, Nur Shrine held their 26th Annual Children's Hospital Cruise held at the Chesapeake City Maryland City Docks. George Jefferson and his Lady Barbara were the Event Coordinators. In attendance were five patients, 11 out patients, 55 guests and 60 Nobles and their wives, plus 12 boats. It was humbling to see the joy and hope in the young patients' faces. God, bless them all.

*Please remember to give us your club's coming event information so that we can post it on our website. We are here for you!*

As mentioned earlier in this issue, our theme for this Bridge is based on "Ships," like friendship, leadership, stewardship. You might remember this little poem:

*There are good ships, wood ships, ships that sail the sea. But the best ships are the friend ships that we make along the way."*

Our next Mid-Winter meeting will be held in Tampa, FL, on February 13-16 followed by a seven day cruise to the Western Caribbean aboard the Norwegian Dawn. There will be stops including Belize and Honduras. (The price is right)!

Lastly, and importantly, we are looking for a Fleet Captain for 2014-15. The applicant must have served as a Shrine Yacht Club Commodore.

Don Gortowski,  
IASYC Commodore

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We cordially  
**Welcome Aboard**  
the following new  
**IASYC Members!**

- Kurt Kahnt (Moslem)
- Henry Norlin (Moslem)
- Fletcher Johnston (Almas)
- Joe Merem (Moslem)
- Frank L. Blades (Crescent)
- Harvey Karpinski (Moslem)
- Steven Gibson ((Osman)
- Jerry Thacker (Hadi)
- Thomas Coram (Murat)
- Stu Simms (Alzefar)
- Stephen L. Hawes (Hadi)
- Blake Fulton (Hadi)
- Walter G. Crawford (Rizpah)

*Note: We regret that In the last issue of the "Yachtsman" new member Henry Norlin's name was misspelled. Our apologies.*

The British stamp shown below is the 1946 Victory stamp issued to commemorate Victory in WW II. Note the Masonic symbols. In his victory speech, King George VI stressed the values of Freemasonry. He said: "The world today does require spiritual and moral regeneration. I have no doubt, after many years as a member of our Order, that Freemasonry can play a most important part of this vital need."



Thanks to Bob Omer, PIC for providing this interesting piece.

# SHIP'S STORE'S FIRE SALE\*



Item	Size	Cost	No.	Total
Broadcloth Dress Shirt	15.5 - 18.5	\$27		
Knit Sport Shirt	S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL	\$25 \$35L		
Wind Breaker Jacket	Same as above	\$30 \$35L		
Scrambled Egg Visor Cap	One size fits all	\$12		
Bolo Tie	-----	\$15		
White Web Belt - Brass	54"	\$10		
Belt with Silver Buckle	54"	\$6		
Mens' Belt Buckle -Gold w/color Enamel	-----	\$15		
IASYC Burgee	12" x 18"	\$20		
IASYC Boat Flag	12" x 15"	\$15		
Fez Anchor Tassel Holder	-----	\$17		
Stick-on Metal Emblem	2 7/8"	\$3		
Stick-on Metal Emblem	2 7/8" 8"	\$3 \$20		
Total				

Purchase ANY Items amounting to \$25 and Receive a FREE IASYC Cap (while supplies last).

\* Hey, Ladies. This is a great time to sock-a-way a few Holiday Gift items. If you order by OCT 15th, we'll even ship free (Don't tell Dave about this!).

Mail your order with payment to: Dave Harris, 1907 8 Midway Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33948-9612

## Treasurer's \$ Report

"During the past period we took in a little, spent a little and we have a little left over".

### Appeal for Relief for Oklahoma Tornado Victims

A series o tornadoes ripped through Moore, Oklahoma on May 20 leaving a path of death and destruction for this community, a suburb of Oklahoma City. The damage to life and property continues. At least eight Masonic Brothers lost all or portions of their homes. The impact for the entire community has been devastating. Please forward to the MSA such donations as you feel appropriate to help our devastated Brothers and their families. Make checks payable to MSA Disaster Relief fund and send to 8120 Fenton St., Suite 203, Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785. Please mark clearly on your check that you wish the funds to go to the Oklahoma Appeal.

Deadline for the next *Yachtsman* is November 10th

British Columbia, CA Alberta, CA

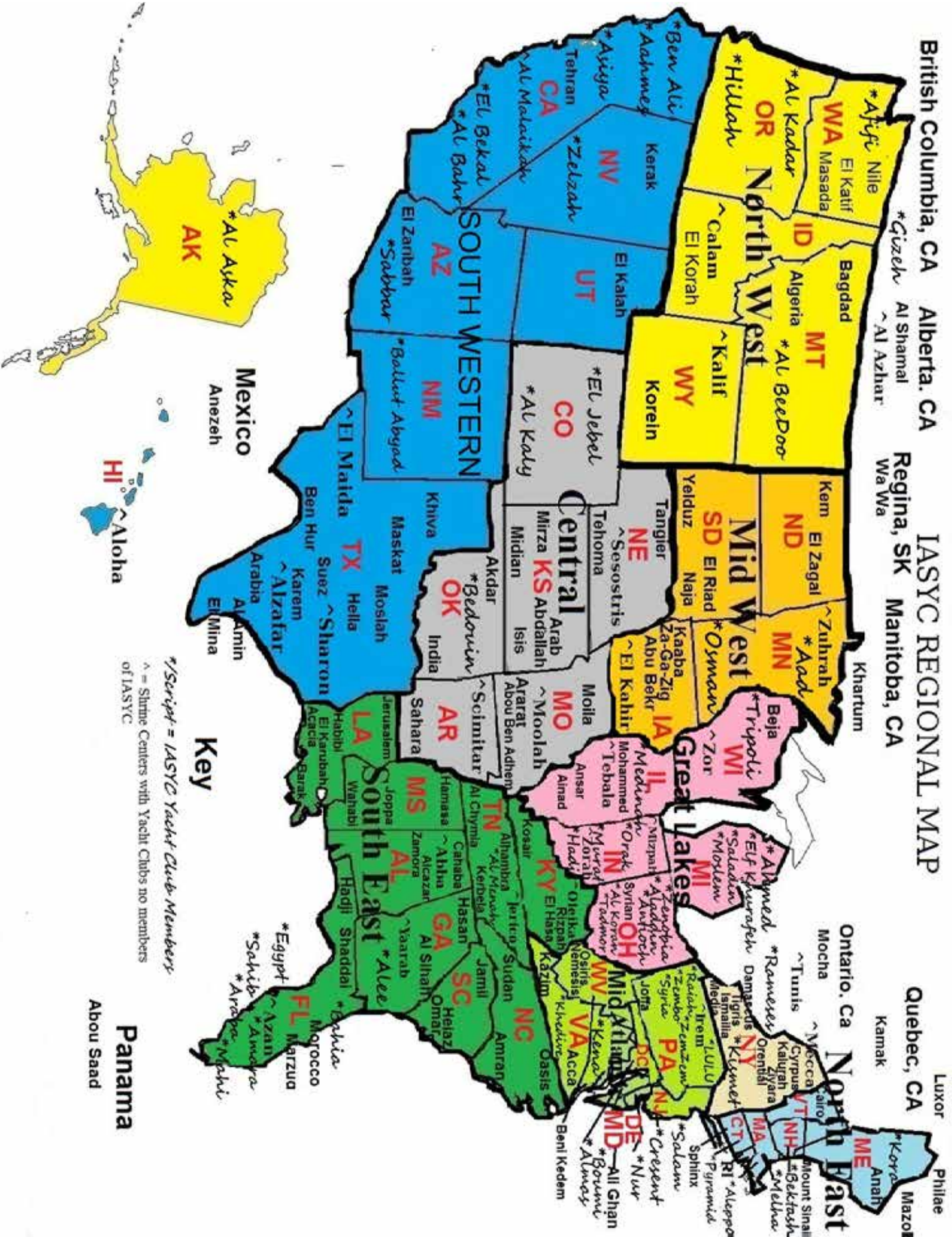
IASYC REGIONAL MAP

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~Al Azhar

Regina, SK  
Wa Wa

Quebec, CA  
Kamak

Luxor  
Phlae



**Key**

\*Script = IASYC Yacht Club Members  
^ Shrine Centers with Yacht Clubs no members of IASYC

**Panama**  
Abou Saad

No.	Region	State	Temple
I	North East Region: Chet Dunn, PIC (Bektash) NH 603-396-7719 chetd37@aol.com	North East Region: Ray Desrochers (Bektash) NH	North East Region: <i>Applicants Welcome</i>
II	New York Region: Harold Payne (Rameses) Canada 905-473-5070 halgracie@sympatico.ca	New York Region: Brian Graham (Rameses) Ontario 705-728-1061	New York Region: Donald Reid (Rameses) Ontario
III	Mid-Atlantic Region: Maurice Herbert, Almas, D.C. 703-564-4238 mauriceherbert@hotmail.com	Mid-Atlantic Region: Richard McCord (Kena); Don Super (Khedive) VA Joseph Blevins; Brooks Broome (Boumi) MD Michael Hart (Nur) PA John Williams (Crescent) NJ	Mid-Atlantic Region: Robert Wasson (Nur) DE Roy Knauth (LuLu) PA John Bull (Khedive) Robert Morris (Zembo) PA
IV	South East Region: <i>Applicants Welcome</i>	South East Region: Don Shearer (Bahia) FL	South East Region: Don Shearer (Bahia) FL
V	Great Lakes Region: Robert Kolar (Al Koran) OH 440-742-0007	Great Lakes Region: Bill Davis (Hadi) IN Joel Johnson (Aad) WI Stanley Leff (Al Koran) OH Harvey Karpinski (Moslem) MI	Great Lakes Region: David Horn (Hadi) IN Phillip Meiser (Tebaka) IL Gary Brookins (Al Koran) OH
VI	Mid-West Region: <i>Applicants Welcome</i>	Mid-West Region: <i>Applicants Welcome</i>	Mid-West Region: Dr. Daniel Maryland (Aad) MN
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IX	North West Region: <i>Applicants Welcome</i>	North West Region: <i>Applicants Welcome</i>	North West Region: <i>Applicants Welcome</i>
X	International Region: Lonnie Ramos, PIC (Almas) MD 301-787-5624 lonlramos@aol.com	International Region: <i>Applicants Welcome</i>	International Region: <i>Applicants Welcome</i>

Take a really good look at the Chart above. Note there are Nine domestic IASYC Regions, plus one to cover International.

We are in the process of selecting 50 District Commodors (one for each U.S. State), plus a Port Captain for each existing Shrine Yacht/Mariner Unit. Their primary assignment is to help each Shrine Center grow their Yacht Club/Marching Unit base. The job is not for sissies! It requires a desire to contact every Club/Unit, to assist them in setting up a program, and to follow up to determine what else you can do to help them. If you have the time, energy, desire and perseverance to see this job through, we want to hear from you today! Contact any member of the current Bridge!

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