

## Signals from the Bridge

I went down to my boat today. There was a bucket of water from a leak I was always going to fix, but never got around to. And, of course, one of my batteries had inexcusably decided to die. A bit of black creepy crawly appeared unexpectedly on a bathroom door. Is there no end to it all?

I trudged back to the house to fix a cup of tea, during which time I thought about the future of IASYC. Specifically, the need for a real discussion regarding Market Research. We must develop data that will help all the Bridges to come to be in a position to know which Temples, yacht clubs and mariner units are currently in a downward slide, even to the point of going out of business!. {Are you aware of how many have closed their door in the past six months? What if we had known about their difficulties in advance and what if we had a plan of action to help them grow and prosper?}

So, what are "WE" going to do about it? Well, here are several things I have been stewing about and have actually talked about to several IASYC members. Unfortunately, I was met with dull stares, the admonition that it was better to leave well enough alone. Ho hum, Business as Usual. I'm going to talk about it anyway, so here goes:

**Establish an active field organization...** some months ago, I published a Table of Organization that included ten Regional Ambassadors (each Region contains an average of 5 states), State Commodores (one for each state) and a Port Captain for every club/unit). Further, I presented through the *Yachtsman*, a set of working responsibilities for each of the three positions. Want to know how many people responded? The answer my friend is "blowing in the wind"...zero.

**Establish an effective personal communications system...** no four man Bridge can possibly work with our entire membership on a personal level; therefore, we have to have a system that is able to pass information back and forth and up and down so that we are ALL working together as an effective team.

**Gather input....** We need to evaluate every Temple and yacht club/marching unit on a scale of zero to 10 with ten being the best, zero being Temples without any yacht club/marching unit and 1-3 being those in jeopardy silently sinking below the waves!

**Offer help...** Our strategy must be to offer our assistance to those in need. IASYC is in a wonderful position to provide our members and prospective



IASYC Commodore Bill Kennedy 2015-16

members with a wide range of themed promotion ideas that can be used to increase membership, help raise money for our hospitals, have fun on the water, improve image and/or raise the level of IASYC awareness. IASYC is the center, the hub of all Shrine Yacht Clubs and Mariner Marching Units. As such, it is our responsibility to communicate both successes and failures to our entire membership, to enlist their help individually for the benefit of all. *By helping our neediest, we fulfill our reason for existence. It's what Masons do, what Shriners do! It is not rocket science, but it does require that we all understand that it is both our individual and collective responsibility to act. To quote a former four star General, Omar N. Bradley: "This is as true in everyday life as it is in battle; we are given one life and the decision is ours whether to wait for circumstances to make up our mind, or whether to act, and in acting, to live".*

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If you can please send photo's in a jpg format and any articles in a word format.

See you all at Mid-Winter in February

*Lonnie*

### 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!



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If you have issues contact Don Vos

**Editor's Note:** A tremendous amount of planning and work go into putting on our Imperial Meetings. 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 Mid-Winter in February in New Orleans and IASYC Imperial July 2016 Meeting in Tampa, Florida.



Deadline for the next  
*Yachtsman* is February, 20th

## Vice Commodore Ray Desrochers Send Greetings



Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference between success and failure.

I AM EXCITED

It has been a great summer in accomplishments for IASYC.

1. Membership is on the rise;
2. There are several newly appointed Ambassadors, District Commodores and Port Captains,
3. Many IASYC benefits have been added;
4. New Mariners Yacht Clubs have been started;
5. El Jebel Shrine gave gifts of Parade Boats.



In the Northeast Region both IASYC and Mariners memberships are up. This is due to the fact that the Shriners and IASYC Nobles worked together and helped local Masons at their open house. IASYC also spoke at local Eastern Star Meetings about the future of Freemasonry.

Recently, Betty and I visited the Nur Shrine and attended their Sea Witch Festival at Rehoboth Beach in Delaware where fun was had by all. We were guests of our newly appointed Port Captain Chris Ruby, his father James Ruby PP, and Commodore of their Mariners Yacht Club.

The Great Lakes Region had a great summer in joint affiliation with the Masonic Lodges, with newly appointed District Commodore Noble Joe Merem and Roger Dorn of Saladin Shrine. A great future for IASYC is expected. Port Captain Noble Dave Horn (Hadi) should be commended for the job he is doing for his Shrine Club in fund raising activities. If your Club needs help with fund raising, I suggest you call Dave. I know he will help you.

I am excited to have Noble Bob Stanley enrolling a new IASYC member from Ohio. New members by PIC should be encouraged; it is the livelihood of IASYC.

THANKS PIC BOB STANLEY

With the new appointment of District Commodore Noble Ron Swanson (Asyia) in the Southwest Region, new membership activity is on the rise. Lady Betty and I are excited to be visiting the area in December to help decorate the Shrine Float in the Rose Bowl parade in Pasadena, California.

The International Region also has a great future ahead with newly appointed Doug Hipsley (Ashames) as District Commodore of the Over Seas Clubs. He intends on visiting the Clubs and assisting in membership development for their future growth and the growth of IASYC.

In the Mexico Region the newly appointed Alfredo Perez Caballero and District Commodore Gonzalo Hernandez recently enrolled SIX new members into IASYC. I feel an excitement generated by their appointments and both are showing what enthusiasm can do for the future of IASYC. IASYC has a great future in Mexico.

“GREAT JOB”

Enthusiasm is higher than ever before in the Southeast Region with the new addition of Rizpah Shrine Mariners' parade boat. Newly elected Commodore Noble Bill Davis of the Rizpah Mariners Club is proud to be driving his new parade boat in parades. Noble Bill is District Commodore of both Kentucky and Indiana and is having the best year in recruiting for IASYC.

“THANKS BILL”

In the Northwest Region IASYC Fleet Captain Larry Tipton PP is doing a great job in membership development and organizing the Region. Contact Larry if you need any assistance in forming a new club.

We just obtained what I feel is one of the most important benefits for our members and their family. We now have a car rental agreement with Enterprise and National car rental. The benefit is available in any country. Use CUSTOMER # L352703 and PIN #INT at either of these car rental companies.

THANK YOU ALL!

“RECRUIT... RECRUIT... RECRUIT”

Lady Betty and I will see you in New Orleans in February. Best wishes for the Holiday.



# “What’s Happening in your Region”

## Rizpah MARINERS



### A LITTLE BOAT NAMED MURPH (A little adopted parade boat)

The boys at El Jebel took good care of me, and I had a lot of fun riding in parades with the El Jebel Shrine Mariners Club in Denver, Colorado. When I arrived at their Club, they had my hull painted red, white and blue, with EL JEBEL MARINERS Denver displayed on my side. I flew the United States flag proudly on my stern as crowds cheered for me when I rolled down the streets of many parades.

I was assembled as a homemade parade unit in 1991 with a 1976 Ford Van chassis, a 1965 Johnson deluxe boat hull, and a 351 Ford V8 engine. The El Jebel boys registered me in Denver, Colorado, and I displayed a license plate with the number AA8414. The Mariners always enjoyed showing me off, but after 42 years and much deliberation among the EL Jebel Mariners, they decided to put me up for adoption hoping another Shrine Mariners club would adopt me. I had 2,054 miles and 14.9 hours on my meter. Photos were sent to Clubs in the east and the west. Everyone loved my fully decorated appearance, and needless to say, I was a big hit with the new Rizpah Mariners Club in Madisonville, Kentucky. They liked me so much that on Saturday August 23rd at 7:15 a.m. Commodore Noble Bill, Noble James PP, Noble Roger PP and Vice Commodore Noble Jack, all of Rizpah Mariners, traveled to Denver, Colorado. They took shifts driving a 2010 one ton GMC van to come get me. They arrived in Denver around midnight, signed papers, hooked up to my trailer and headed back to their home in Kentucky. Aside from an occasional pit stop and photos with admiring passersby, we traveled all night. Even the big rig truck drivers were reaching their phones out their windows to get a picture of me. What a fantastic trip. I arrived in Kentucky thirty-seven hours later at 8pm on Sunday, August 24th

On Monday, Rizpah Commodore Bill drove me around town to show me off where everyone was waving and taking pictures of me.

I will always miss my El Jebel friends, but I know I will be happy here with the Rizpah Mariners. I have new lettering displaying their Rizpah Mariners Club title. I proudly fly the United States flag on my stern, and my license plate now reads IASYC. I am again enjoying my parade runs. My first parade with Rizpah was the Corn Fest held in Morganfield, Kentucky, then the Nut Club fall festival parade in Evansville, Indiana. At my first parade I got overheated with a very high temperature. The Rizpah boys checked me over and gave me a new fan that really cooled me off. When they saw I still wasn't feeling well, they checked my heart and found that I needed a transplant. They have fixed me up, and I am feeling much better. I am looking forward to the Rizpah Home Town Parade which is coming up soon.

All proceeds from our parades will be donated to benefit the Shrine Hospital for Children.



Jim Culver (Ben Ali), Doug Hipsley (Aahmes), Ron Swanson (Asiya) Jim Labbe (Commodore OYC), George Mason (Asiya), Rennie Porterfield (Ben Ali)

### Presentation of IASYC Burgee

At a recent meeting at the Oakland Yacht Club there was a presentation by IASYC District Commodore of California, Noble Ron Swanson. The following Burgees were presented to the Oakland Yacht Club in California; IASYC, Aahmes, Ben Ali, and Asiya Yacht Clubs. In attendance were the following IASYC appointed Officers: Port Captain-George Mason, Port Captain- Rennie Porterfield and District Commodore- Doug Hipsley of the Overseas Clubs.



### Veterans day parade Madisonville Ky (Largest Veterans day parade in Kentucky)

Commodore Bill Davis Vice Commode – Jack McCormick -- Don Robards -- Dave Horn Ladies Kayla--Brenda-- and Peggy were the candy handlers they handed candy to Dave and he ran through the crowd passing out candy.

We all are members of I.A.S.Y.C. Dave is the Port Captain Hadi Bill is the District Commodore for In. - Ky. also a Hidi Mariners member. Dave is also a member of Rizpah.



Photos of when we picked up the parade boat from El Jebel Mariners. Bill Davis with Roger Barnes and his first mates. James Woodard Rizpah P.P. Jack McCormick-- Roger Fuchs

Hadi P.P.& Rizpah Mariner and Bill Davis Rizpah Commodore  
WHAT A TRIP, 2200 MILES IN LESS THAN 37 HOURS..

Bill Davis I.A.S.Y.C. District Commodore



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# Report from Secretary/Treasurer and his Lady Carol

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This has been a busy month for yours truly. Our Mariner unit has a lot on its plate. I had the pleasure of being in charge of our past Commodores picnic. It was a lot of fun and well attended. Our Commodore's Ball was last month, always a great time with great food from our own Kitchen and the dancing was well received. This and other goings on at our Shrine, you can stay busy. Our new PayPal payment program for our dues payment is off and running. It is a great way to pay your dues. Just go to [iasyc.com](http://iasyc.com) and look for the dues payment tab.

We are looking forward to New Orleans Mid-Winter meeting and if you have not sent in your reservation, please do it as soon as possible. It should be a lot of fun and merriment for the attendees.

I've been getting my feet wet with the duties that I've just received. So bare with me, we will get the job done.

YITF  
Don Vos  
Sec/Treas.  
IASYC

## Minutes from the Summer Meeting, Houston, Texas

### IASYC BOARD MEETING 06 JULY, 2015

Meeting called to order 9am in Houston Texas, by Vice Commodore Bill Kennedy.

Opening Prayer by PIC Charles Downing.

Flag Salute by VC Bill Kennedy.  
All bridge members accounted for.

Role call by Fleet Captain Jerry Deacon, with 6 members present.

Minutes read by Don Vos and accepted.

Old business: None

New Business: PIC Bob Omer brought up that we should get rid of the stores inventory. A committee was formed with Bill Kennedy and Don Vos will check this out.

It was brought up about Data Research for the Shrine, and that ISAYC could help in this membership problems.

We will check into using Pay Pal in order to collect the dues more rapidly, Bill and Don will look into this.

The bylaws replacement committee is looking into separating the Operations and Procedures from the bylaws which must go to Imperial.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 am by VC Bill Kennedy

### General Meeting Of IASYC Membership

It was opened at 10:00 by VC Bill Kennedy.

Opening Prayer by PIC Charles Downing

Shrine Flag Pledge by VC Bill Kennedy

Role Call by Don and there were 8 members present, 5-PICs

Secretary's report read and accepted.

The financial approximate figures were read.

VC Bill Kennedy asked that proper account procedures be established with different accounts showing the expenditures for each account. Life Time, Stores, Secretaries, and other costs laid out.

RC Ray Desrochers reported on our membership drive for new Noble Mariners. He reiterated about what we have to offer for benefits. Keep up the good work - SW is doing well, Mexico is coming, Masonic Lodge open houses and etc.

Lonnie asked about the \$1,500.00 for the transportation fund at the Shrine in Puerto Rico. This was taken up and the replacement check will be cut.

RC Jerry advised about the housing for 2017 in Daytona Beach, Fl. Right now he has reserved 25 rooms. The Mid-Winter that year will be held at the Villages in Florida.

VC Ray Desrochers gave information on the Mid-Winter meeting at Cabo San Lucas, with a deposit of \$209.40 which is a 20% down payment.

They appointed a committee of IC Robert Feustal, Bill Kennedy and Jerry Deacon on closing of the Ship Store. Bob Omer was for eliminating all for except 5-items. It was recommended by PIC Bob Omer that we give a plaque to First Mate Sandy Harris for all of her work in helping out with Dave's Duties

Motion was made by VC Ray Desrochers and Seconded by PIC Lou Metz that the initiation and dues for 2015-2016 be \$20.00. Motion carried.

The meeting closed at 11:40 am

Yours in the Faith,  
Don Vos PP  
Secretary/Treasurer



## \* Major Events \*

Coming Soon!

2016 Mid-Winter Meeting-New Orleans, LA  
(February 21 - 25)

2016 Summer Meeting - Tampa  
(July 3rd - July 7th)

2017 Mid-Winter Meeting Cabo San Lucas  
(February 14 - 17, 2017)

2017 Summer Meeting - Daytona Beach  
(July 9 - 13th)

2018 Mid-Winter - The Villages, FL.

2018 Summer Meeting - Daytona Beach  
(July 15th - 19th)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We cordially Welcome Aboard

Roger Barns - (El Jebel)

Benny Deffendoll joined 9/8/2015 (Rizpah)

Jimmy Luker (Rizpah)

Jack McCormick - joined 9/8/2015 (Rizpah)

John Nelson - joined 3/11/2014 (Hadi)

Billy Phillips - (Rizpah)

Don Robards - joined 9/8/2015 (Rizpah)

Gary B. Shweid - joined 9/8/2015 (San Fransisco)

James Woodard - joined 1/20/2014 (Hadi)

## Places We Have Been for Mid-Winter!

### FLORIDA

Key West  
Ft Lauderdale  
Plantation Keys  
Orlando  
Bradenton  
Portland  
Marathon - 2015  
Ft. Myers  
Punta Gorda  
Sarasota  
Singer Islands  
Tampa - 2014

### CALIFORNIA

San Diego  
Martinez  
Elk Grove  
Indianapolis

### OTHER

Scottsdale - 2012  
Mobile  
Newburgh  
South Padre Island

### FOREIGN

San Juan - 2013

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

## The Yachtsman



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## A message from the Rear Commodore Jerry Deacon



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Greetings,

I hope all is well with all of you. I have been working to recruit new members for IASYC from 3 Mariners and Yacht Clubs in Florida, slow process. These Clubs are no longer in session and the members are not to easy to convert.

I attended the fall meeting of the Florida Shrine Mariners of Yacht Clubs in Leesburg, Florida, it was well attended and a good time was had by all.

Looking forward to New Orleans, I hope to see many of you there. New Orleans is a great town to visit with good entertainment and restaurants. Do not forget the Imperial Session in Tampa in July 2016. Tampa is the first of 3 to be held in Florida including two in Daytona Beach in 2017 - 2018, mine in 2017 and Larry Tipton's in 2018.

I have secured my 2017 Convention in Daytona Beach in July and Mid-Winter in 2018 at the Villages. More to details will follow in the next two Yachtsman's.

Have a good Holiday Season,

Jerry Deacon - Rear Commodore

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## “What’s Happening in your Region”



Shriners child attending Hadi Shrine Circus  
with Mariners Vice Com. Dave Horn

IASYC Port Capt. Dave Horn & Hadi Mariner treasure Capt.  
Mike Solman at Hadi Shrine Circus



## Commodore's Lady Betty Kennedy



It seems that time flies by quicker than a wink. Thanksgiving is over; Christmas is around the corner. Before you know it, February will be here with IASYC off to New Orleans. If you have not done so, please send us your reservations ASAP. We have some great tours in mind besides the group Mississippi Paddle Boat luncheon cruise with jazz and dancing. We need your commitment for this by Dec. 14, so please send in your RSVP.

The cost of the other tours may be determined by the number, therefore it would be helpful to know which ones you are interested in so that we have an idea of what to schedule with guides. You can change your mind later but it would be helpful to me to know which ones you are most interested in. We can arrange the tours according to the individual interests and can better determine the costs. If it is a large group, sometimes the tour guides operate on donations; others have set prices.

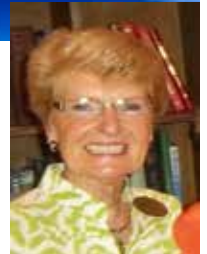
I would appreciate it if you could send an email to me at [bettina101@verizon.net](mailto:bettina101@verizon.net) to let us know what tours you may be most interested in so that we can make arrangements accordingly. Please indicate if you are unable to do a walking tour but would be interested in a riding tour, keeping in mind that the cost may be higher. We look forward to seeing many of you in exciting New Orleans. Have a Happy Holiday and MERRY CHRISTMAS! Hope to see you in New Orleans.

Walking Tours: 1. French Quarter - General Historical - day 2. Secret Gardens & Cemetery - day.  
3. Pub and Jazz Crawl - pm 4. Faubourg Marigny - tour of old beer plants - am 4. Voodoo & Ghost Tour - pm.  
If there are some who cannot walk who would like to go, other transportation is available.  
Bus, Car or Boat r - Day tours for those who wish to stay over - 5. Plantation Tour 6. Bayou Boat Tour

Betty Kennedy

## Rear Commodore's Lady Betty sends her greetings

Looking back on the past few months and all the adventures we have experienced personally as well as with our IASYC family it has been quite the year". Regretfully, we left our beloved boat "Touch of Class" in Michigan all tucked away for the winter to return to our home, family and friends in NH. Getting settled from our five months on Lake St Clair, we enjoy our beautiful White Mountains here in the Granite State. We also celebrated fall with a trip to Dover NH for our final summer Bektash Mariners Shrine Yacht Club (BMSYC) meeting/cookout hosted by Noble Chet Dunn PIC and Lady Hope at their summer residence off the coast of NH. After a brief meeting, Noble Chet led us through his trophy collection of mounted authoritative animals from his visits to Africa and around the world. Our final BMSYC meeting for this year will be held in early December at the Bektash Temple in Concord NH, an election of Officers will take place at that time.



Ray and I recently returned from Virginia Beach where we visited with our Commodore Bill Kennedy and Lady Betty as well as Noble Charlie Downing PIC and Lady Elizabeth. We later visited newly appointed Port Captain Noble Chris Ruby and his Dad, Noble Jim Ruby PP of Nur Shrine. We were invited to attend the Sea Witch Festival at Rehoboth Beach for the weekend with the Nur Shrine Club which included a two hour costume parade in which Ray walked with fellow mariners representing IASYC. We later dressed in costume to attend the Saturday night Nur Shrine costume party and dance at our hotel. During the week of Thanksgiving here in Concord Bektash Temple will be holding their 15th annual "Fez"-tival of Trees at our local Bektash Shrine Temple. While wearing their respective attire many from various Masonic affiliations will be giving of their time to volunteer for this huge fundraiser to benefit our Shriners who keep our Shrine Hospitals for Children operating. One of our latest IASYC benefits we now have is to rent vehicles from Enterprise and National Rent a Car at a reduced rate simply by showing the appropriate IASYC group number proved to us by their company. We are look forward to meeting our recently appointed Ambassadors, District Commodores and Port Captains as well as members and ladies of various Yacht/Mariners Clubs. There is so much happening in membership this year with newly established Mariners/Yacht Clubs in Mexico and Kentucky. Hopefully we will see them in New Orleans in February, Commodore Bill Kennedy and Lady Betty have promised us the best trip ever.







# HEY, Y'ALL! WE'RE LEAVING FOR NEW ORLEANS! MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!



**THE DATES:** Sunday, February 21 to Thursday,  
February 25, 2016 \*

**THE HOTEL;** **Maison Dupuy** (In the heart of the  
French Quarter)

**THE VENUES:**

- \* **SteamBoat Ride on the Mississippi!**
- **Tour Landmark Homes & Secret Gardens!**
- \* **Sample Cajun Country Food and Music!**
- \* **Tour Mardi Gras Floats!**
- \* **Half-the-Night Jazz/Tavern Crawl!**
- \* **Mingle on Basin Street!**
- \* **Riverfront Shopping!**

See next page for Details



**Remember this past winter when snow was coming down like an avalanche and was 20' high?**

Well, the thought may well drive you to make your plans NOW for overcoming winter whiteout by making your reservations NOW for an unforgettable warmer winter holiday in New Orleans. Adventures expected and unexpected, senses overwhelmed with sights, smells and sounds you never expected. Most of all you will be entranced with the welcome you will receive from the warm and friendly people of southern Louisiana! They love visitors. They will love you.

This trip will be completely flexible! You can plan to do as much or as little as you wish... only three events are scheduled at a particular day and time: a steamboat ride that includes lunch and a jazz band, a tour of the company that makes over half of the floats used in the Mardi Gras Parade, and a Group Dinner that includes authentic Cajun food and a Cajun band! [Traditionally, we will have a men's Gen. Mtg and the Ladies' Breakfast]. The big surprise is that New Orleans has an army of trained street Tour Guides who provide a variety of walking (or street car) tours that include visiting Landmark Homes, Secret Gardens, Jazz Clubs, and many others. The cost is determined by the number of participants. Guides are payed a base rate of \$20 dollars per hour. (If a Tour lasts one hour and four people participate the cost is \$5.00 per person. If a tour is two hours and 10 people attend, the price is \$4.00 per person).

Between now and January, you will be receiving news about these and other events. So, watch your email. YOUR RESERVATION FORM follows.

10/20/15

## Activities Schedule

**This Schedule is  
Subject to change!**

# New Orleans Winter Meeting

*New Orleans, LA February 21 - 25/26, 2016*

Sunday, Feb 21	Monday, Feb. 22	Tuesday, Feb. 23	Wednesday, Feb 24	Thursday, Febr. 25	Friday, Feb. 26
Travel to New Orleans	Men's BK. on your own	Breakfast on your own	Breakfast on your own	Continental Breakfast in Hospitality Suite ----- Departure	Breakfast on your own  ----- Departure
Hospitality Opens at 3:00 pm	9:00 Bridge Mtg.	11:00 am Group buffet Luncheon w/ Dixieland Music Mississippi River Ride on the S.S. Nachez	9:00 Group Mardi Gras Float Tour		
	9:30 Gen. Mtg.		12:00 Group Cajun Luncheon w/ Cajun Music (Sep. Checks)		
	9:30 Ladies Breakfast				
	12:00 Lunch on your own				
5:00 pm - Garden Patio Welcome	2:00 pm Selected French Qtr. Tours	4:00 pm Selected French Qtr. Tours	3:00 pm Selected French Qtr. Tours		
6:00 pm Walk to Jackson Square	7:00 pm Night Tour	7:00 pm Night Tour			
Dinner on your own	Dinner on your own	Dinner on your own	Dinner on your own		
Hospitality	Hospitality	Hospitality	Farewell Hospitality		

Note: Afternoon Walking Tours are approximately one to two hours long;

Night Tours are approximately two to two and a half hours long.

Upon arrival, please select which Tours you are interested in.



## NEW ORLEANS WINTER MEETING RESERVATIONS

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Monday July 4  
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Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup>  
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 Self-guided Tours  
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 Hospitality

Tuesday July 5th  
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 Lunch at Temple  
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 Davis Isle Yacht Club  
 Dinner on your own  
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Thursday July 7th  
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*Looking forward to seeing you in Tampa.*

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# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION of SHRINE YACHT CLUBS

## Letters of Appointments



### IASYC APPOINTS NEW PORT CAPTAIN

I would like to congratulate Noble Chris Ruby of the Nur Shriners on the position of Port Captain, representing the International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs (IASYC). The Nur Shrine Temple is located at 198 S Dupont Hwg. New Castle DE. As Port Captain one of Noble Chris primary duties will be to maintain contact with all Shrine Clubs and IASYC Club/ Unit Commodores within the State of Delaware...

In 1971 IASYC started as a club within the Shrine composed of Shrine boaters in Temple Yacht Clubs, ambassadors of goodwill and those affiliated among the boating fraternity. IASYC today represents all of these affiliates. It is a private, self-supporting fraternal Shrine boating association dedicated to the furtherance of the aims of shrinedom. It has grown and developed since its infancy from the Atlantic seaboard to all areas of the country from coast to coast into Canada, Alaska, Hawaii, England, Puerto Rico, and South America. Its growth and expansion continues with no end in sight. We consider ourselves the most family oriented and premier organization in all shrinedom.

Noble Chris's Masonic affiliation began in 2011 at Craft Lodge of Jackson Lodge #19 in the State of Delaware. He joined the Nur Shrine Temple in 2011. He then became a member of the Nur Shrine Yacht Club in 2013. Noble Chris current position is Secretary of the Nur Shrine Yacht Club. .

As Port Captain, he will represent the IASYC in his respective Port-of-Call and acts as the official representative of the IASYC in such area, serves as the official greeter to all visiting Shrine Mariners assisting them in their needs; and, also serves in a membership capacity in the recruiting of individual Associate members as well as in the creation of interest in the IASYC and the formation of Shrine Yacht Clubs where none exist in the Shrine Temples in their respective areas. Regular written reports should be made to the IASYC FLEET CAPTAIN, under whom the PORT CAPTAIN serves and to whom he is responsible, indicating the extent of his annual activities.

Noble Chris can be reached at 302-312-0141 or email [ctrexpert@yahoo.com](mailto:ctrexpert@yahoo.com). Be Sure to congratulate Noble Chris Ruby when you see him around the Temple or at the Mariners meetings.

IASYC Vice Commodore  
Raymond E. Desrochers

August 23, 2015

Noble Chris Ruby  
60 Spring Creek Drive  
Townsend Del.19734

Dear Noble Chris,

Commodore Noble William Kennedy and the entire IASYC Bridge congratulate you on your new appointment as IASYC Port Captain for the Nur Shrine Temple in the State of Delaware.

Effective immediately, you will be the IASYC Port Captain for the Nur Shrine in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Noble Larry Tipton, the IASYC Fleet Captain, will be contacting you.

We are excited about your appointment and do look forward to your input in helping this Fraternity grow and expand in the State of Delaware.

Your appointment as IASYC Port Captain will be mentioned in the next issue of the Yachtsman.

Yours in the Faith,

Raymond Desrochers IASYC Vice Commodore

### IASYC APPOINTS NEW PORT CAPTAIN

I would like to congratulate Noble Roger Dorn of the Saladin Shriners on the position of Port Captain, representing the International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs (IASYC). The Saladin Shrine Center is located at 4200 Saladin Dr.SE, Grand Rapids, MI. As Port Captain one of Noble Roger's primary duties will be to maintain contact with all Shrine Clubs and IASYC Club/ Unit Commodores within the State of Michigan...

In 1971 IASYC started as a club within the Shrine composed of Shrine boaters in Temple Yacht Clubs, ambassadors of goodwill and those affiliated among the boating fraternity. IASYC today represents all of these affiliates. It is a private, self-supporting fraternal Shrine boating association dedicated to the furtherance of the aims of shrinedom. It has grown and developed since its infancy from the Atlantic seaboard to all areas of the country from coast to coast into Canada, Alaska, Hawaii, England, Puerto Rico, and South America. Its growth and expansion continues with no end in sight. We consider ourselves the most family oriented and premier organization in all shrinedom.

Noble Roger's Masonic affiliation began in 1994 at Saugatuck Craft Lodge #328 in the State of Michigan. He joined the Saladin Shrine Temple in 1995. As a member of the Shrine, Roger has held the position of High Priest & Prophet (1 year), Captain of the Guard (5years), Chief Photographer, past President of ALLEGAN -OT-TAWA Shine club and a member of the Hillbilly Clan 80. Roger also drives Children and their parents to the Children's Hospital in Chicago. Noble Roger became a member of the Saladin Mariners Yacht Club in 2003 and has held the positions of Secretary and Commander..

As Port Captain, he will represent the IASYC in his respective Port-of-Call and acts as the official representative of the IASYC in such area, serves as the official greeter to all visiting Shrine Mariners assisting them in their needs; and, also serves in a membership capacity in the recruiting of individual Associate members as well as in the creation of interest in the IASYC and the formation of Shrine Yacht Clubs where none exist in the Shrine Temples in their respective areas. Regular written reports should be made to the IASYC FLEET CAPTAIN, under whom the PORT CAPTAIN serves and to whom he is responsible, indicating the extent of his annual activities.

Noble Roger can be reached at (269) 857-4750/(616) 298-6791 or email [roger.dorn@frontier.com](mailto:roger.dorn@frontier.com) Be sure to congratulate Noble Roger Dorn when you see him around the Temple..

IASYC Vice Commodore  
Raymond E. Desrochers

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1997-98 Ron Gilbert  
1999-00 Ottmar Bobsien  
2008-09 J. Ken Wendt



Deceased:  
Ross Zuest - October 26, 2015



We pray you fair winds and following seas forever  
to all those who have passed on.

### Obituary for Joseph E. Blevins

October 4, 1921 – September 14, 2015  
Resided in Davidsonville, MD.

Joseph E. Blevins, 93, a 45year resident of Davidsonville, died September 14, 2015 at Anne Arundel Medical Center, this after being in rehab at Genesis Eldercare Spa Creek Center. A self-taught businessman, he was a veteran of World War II, serving as a radio operator in the Army Air Force. He was stationed in England and flew 36 missions as a bomber dispatcher. As a member of the 379th Bombardment Group, he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross. He also received the French Legion of Honor, being named a "Chevalier" for his contribution to the liberation of France during the War.

Mr. Blevins was an avid member of the Shriners and Shriners Hospital for Children. He belonged to the Scottish Rite of Free Masonry and received his 33rd and last degree. He was also a member of the Boumi Yacht Club and the International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs. He enjoyed gardening, landscaping and time with his family. Preceded in death by his beloved wife Elva "Peggy" Blevins, he is survived by his niece, Judith Nave; His friend of many years, Joe Jonas, stood by his side like a mail man, thru rain, snow, sleet and hail.

My uncle, Joe Blevins, died on Monday September 14,2015. He was placed into comfort care and died very peacefully 11 hours later. The only way he could have been more comfortable would have been to have been rocked to sleep on an anchored power boat he loved the water. His obituary may be read at the following email funeral home address:

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Tehoma

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\*Zubrah \*Aad \*Klmet

Teheran

\*Zelzah

Mirza Arab

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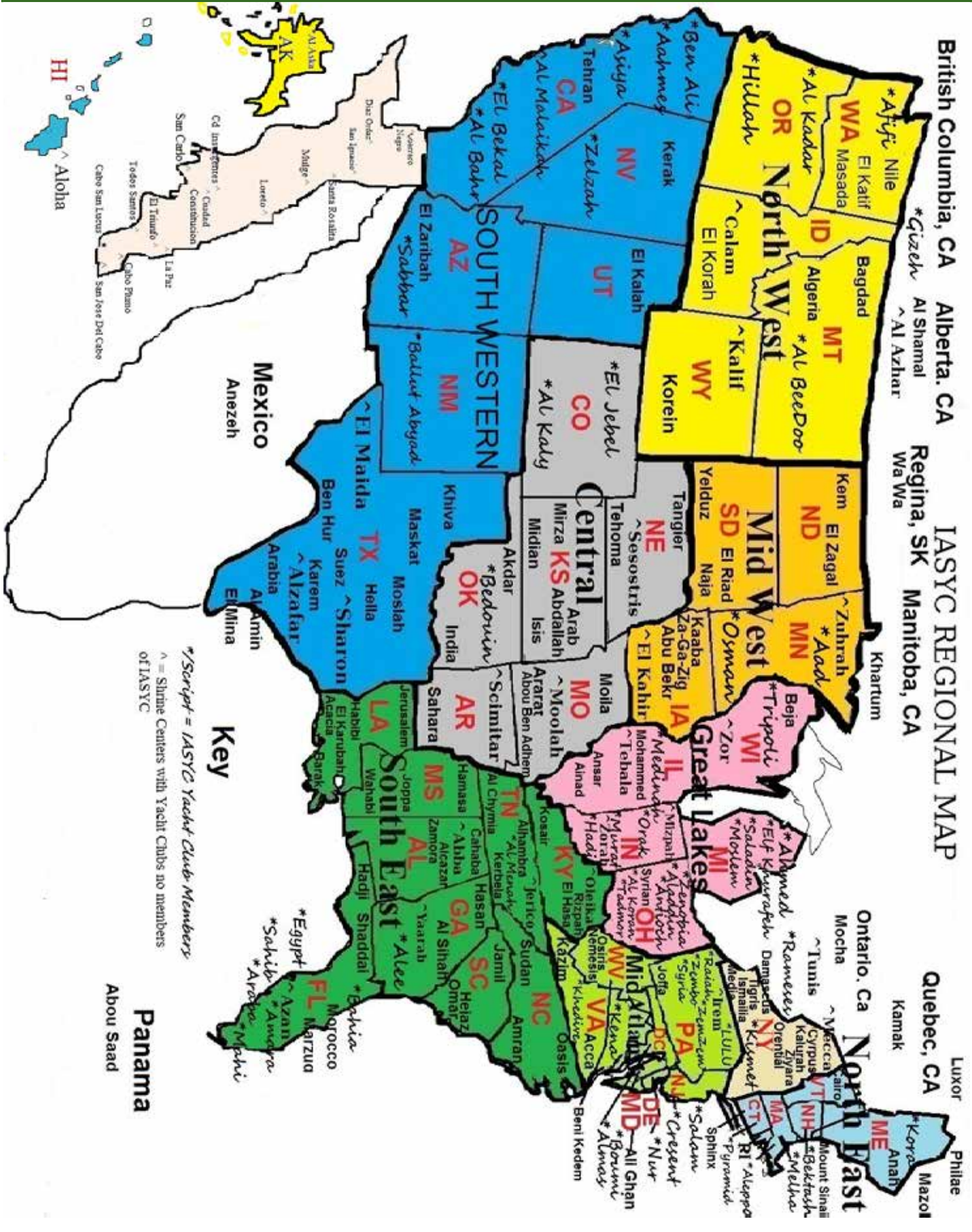
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