

Yachtsman February 2023



FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMODORE



Ahoy, Members:

The Bridge Officers of 2023 and I certainly hope that you are well and healthy. Please join in on the ZOOM meeting to listen and understand the future planning of upcoming events and contribute ideas. Every member is invite to the monthly event, please join in. The East West Shrine football game was another success in Las Vegas and IASYC was there, Gene, VC and Dave, Yeoman that attended the event, see the pictures. AWESOME!

The LIFE TIME Membership pin and Ribbon Jewel are now available to purchase, visit the website for details, <www.IASYC.club>

Winter is here, and on the north-coast Cleveland, Ohio the boats are out of the water, and in dry storage or plastic wrapped because of the snow and ice. Everyone partakes in ice fishing and ice sailing on Lake Erie, LOL. And the local Marines are going on a land train cruise through the US National Park.

The next Imperial Session, July 2023 is in North Carolina and plans are under way for us to attend, the hotel is Hampton Inn. Follow the link that is included in this Yachtsman and SeaBag. BE THERE!

I mailed <Snail Mail> a personal letter to each noble this pass January explains the benefits and asking for the current Email addresses on record. Communication is the key to keeping all members informed with current plans going on in IASYC. A directory is going to be printed and mailed to each member in good standing.

Join me and share the fellowship and friendship with the other 47 Shrine Yacht Clubs across the world, Commodores of local SHRINE CENTERS please ask a fellow member to join IASYC and spread the word. Each Mariner's Club please email articles and information to share about local activities to the Yachtsman's. We are also under way of bring a new month email article named, "SEABAG" with additional information to you, we have included the special days in the SeaBag as a stand alone issue. The details and information is coming to you monthly. I'm going to start Chartering local Clubs which an official certificate to recognize compliments. Application will be forthcoming. New to IASYC, all current and pass Bridge Officers must wear a white tuxedo jacket to all major events/balls where a tuxedo is the attire with their Jewel, this is an INTERNATIONAL organizational; a breast patch will be coming soon.

The IASYC trifold and Baseball caps are ready to share with future members. I'm also starting a new interior "SUNSHINE CLUB" for \$5.00 dollars a years to fund a Shriner's cause. There is a raffle that will start shortly, purchase ticket to win a custom wooden fez case.

Please share your ideas with me to improve the FUN and Laughter.

Please pay your dues for 2023.

See you at the MIDWINTER MEETING IN MAZATLAN, Mexico.

May God bless You

Ronn Murphy P.P., MSA, International Commodore

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FROM THE INTERNATIONAL VICE COMMODORE

Spring, 2023

Ahoy, fellow Mariners! We are enjoying the auspicious start of International Mariner year 2023, and it will foretell a busy and fun-filled year indeed. There are a number of great things to look forward to.

First, we will gather for the midwinter meeting 2023 in beautiful Mazatlan, Mexico, a yachting paradise on the Pacific. International Commodore Ronn has a superb agenda planned for us all. It is in Al Atfal Shriners jurisdiction, our new Temple Number 200, chartered in 2019, covering Northwestern Mexico, along the Pacific Ocean. We will have the opportunity to join in fellowship with the Mazatlan Culiacan Shrine Yacht Club and the Mazatlan Shrine Club, and Nobles of this area. Their reputation for hospitality precedes them, and a great time will be enjoyed by all our IASYC attendees. Our business meetings will be punctuated with the excellent seafood and plentiful camel's milk, especially a regional favorite known as Tequila. Having been involved in four ceremonials there, including two as their Potentate, I participated in the creation of many Nobles who crossed the hot sands to join our caravan of Shriners International. It will be a special homecoming!



Then, we look forward to the annual meeting at the Imperial Sessions in Charlotte, NC, and the concordant installation of the International Bridge Officers on Monday July 3 at a luncheon at the Charlotte Convention Center, where Imperial Potentate Kenny Craven will install the 2023-2024 International Bridge. The annual meeting will commence July 4 at the famous Hampton Inn in Charlotte. You can reserve your room now, by clicking on this link: [Hampton Inn Charlotte-Uptown](#)

By special arrangements I have made with both the Hampton Inn, and with Imperial Housing, we can lock in our room and the special discount daily rate of \$159 now for the limited room block. It was \$200 in prior years. We do not have to wait until April or May this year. Once these rooms are all booked, we will possibly get more rooms added to our block, but the low discount rate cannot be guaranteed for any additional rooms that may be added to our room block, if available. Almost half of our room block rooms are already spoken for and reserved. You reserve directly with the hotel, and do not need to wait to go through Imperial Housing or the Sessions staff. Your credit card is your guarantee, and you may cancel if necessary, without penalty, up until a certain advance date prior to Imperial Sessions. You can find that out when you log into the reservations site. You do not need to pay for your entire stay in advance, as has been the case in some instances in the past. So now you can also take advantage of the 90 day advance discount air fares, and tie them all down this next month to take advantage of both discounts now!! Prices will only go up after that.

Charlotte is known for the NASCAR Hall of Fame, and the US National Whitewater Center, which actually has a Class IV rapid! Enjoy the BBQ, burgers, and Krispy Krème Doughnuts! You know I would know the headquarters of a world renown doughnut shop!! Cops and their donuts!! Should be a safe place, then!! There are many diverse places and activities of interest to avail yourself of in Charlotte after and while you enjoy the fellowship of IASYC and Imperial Shrine activities.

A quick glimpse peeking behind the curtain of "Coming up in 2023-2024" includes an IASYC International Bridge Meeting in October at the Shriners Hospital in Honolulu to help it celebrate its Centennial in operations – 100 years of our Hospital in Honolulu! (Yes, with time at our private beach we own on Oahu, Hawaii, compliments of Gene Yee!!) A Midwinter meeting on the Norwegian Cruise Ship the Norwegian Jewel, in February, 2024, while sailing between Bali, Indonesia and Bangkok, Thailand. The blowout celebration at Imperial Shrine Sessions and IASYC Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada in June-July, 2024. Stay tuned!

Read elsewhere here in the Yachtsman for a raffle opportunity to own a laser-engraved wood fez case, only 50 tickets will be sold, at \$20 per ticket. Fun raising fund raising at its best. Stay tuned!

Respectfully submitted,
Gene Yee, PP, PEC
International Vice Commodore



FROM THE INTERNATIONAL REAR COMMODORE

Hello fellow mariners, we are a few days of having our 2023 International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs Mid Winter Meeting Mar 26d through Mar 30th Mazatlán, Mexico.

We are very anxious to receive you in one of the most beautiful beaches in Mexico, as a curious fact days before our meeting in Mazatlan the carnival is celebrated, it is the third best in the world and number one in Mexico.

The International Carnival of Mazatlán is a cultural event held in Mazatlán, Sinaloa, between the months of February and March, covering the six days prior to Ash Wednesday. With more than a century of history, the Mazatlan carnival has its own characteristics that differentiate it from the rest, giving it a unique identity that shapes the culture of those who perform it. During 2021, the COVID-19 pandemic did not allow the massive party to take place, this was the sixth time in all its years of history that it has been cancelled, two more due to pandemics such as cholera and the bubonic plague and three more due to lack of, of monetary resources between the years 1910 and 1930.



International Fleet Captain

Ahoy Mates

The International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs members and other Nobles are having a fantastic 2022 -2023 with several amazing events attended.

July 2022 a large group of Shriners and masons assembled in Mazatlán, Mexico to promote the Shrine and create new members of the IASYC.

The group was honored that Imperial Sir James Stolze ICR , Imperial sir Marty Bartlett were able to attend. These Nobles had a news conference

where they shared information about our mission to help children.



The Celebration of the Century was attended by the Yacht Club members in Houston November 2022. The fantastic event was to recognize

the accomplishments of the Shriners Hospitals for Children serving over One Million five hundred thousand children during the last 100 years.

Al Bahr Shrine in San Diego has been getting many new members in 2022-2023 The amazing amount of fun that the group is having has caught the attention of everyone in San Diego.

Our monthly Socials consist of feasting on the best fresh sea food , the finest beverages and with amazing entertainment.

Boating on the San Diego Bay , Mission Bay and off the coast off San Diego has been amazing. The Yacht Club has access to a nice 38 foot

sailboat and a 48 foot cruiser with several Captains to get out on the water anytime the weather is good. Well that is almost everyday in San Diego.

Visit San Diego for fun and fellowship anytime. We would love to show you the waters of the Pacific.

Daniel Smith P.C. Fleet Capitan , 619 9907058 , drsmith9268@yahoo.com

Join many of us March 26-31, 2023 in Mazatlán Mexico where we will have a lot of fun , create more Nobles and spread the word about the Shriner's Hospitals.

See you soon Mates

Dan



**Reserve Now
for Imperial Sessions
in Charlotte!**

Ahoy, Mariners! The hotel reservation link for your room at Imperial Sessions in Charlotte is now available! Here below is the direct link to our IASYC room block at the Hampton Inn in Charlotte! Click and reserve your room now, before we run out at this discount price! The link is active now, and you can reserve now while the rooms are still available!! A large part of the block is already taken.

[Hampton Inn Charlotte-Uptown](#)

The reservation is held with your credit card. If for some reason, you cannot make it to Charlotte, as long as you stop your reservation a few days in advance, there is no charge to your credit card. The hotel link will tell you how many days in advance you can cancel without penalty.

*The Imperial Sessions are from July 2 to July 6 in Charlotte at the Charlotte Convention Center. **The AISYC Annual Meetings are from July 3 to 5, or 6 if necessary.*** IASYC Bridge Officers and folks will start arriving on June 29, so you will find us there! Our International Vice Commodore Gene Yee, International Rear Commodore, Alex Vazquez, International Yeoman and Recorder Dave Lane, and Past International Commodore Luis Cisneros have already reserved and are all planning to arrive the 29th or 30th. You will want to arrive early and make multiple visits to the NASCAR Hall of Fame!! We are told you cannot see it all in one visit!! You may even meet NASCAR Driver David Ragan, who is the Imperial Shrine Ambassador to NASCAR!!! See the Shriners Hospital NASCAR Racecar!! Bring your cell phone cameras!! Oh, and I forgot, the multiple trips to Krispy Kreme Donut Shops and their headquarters!!!

The IASYC meetings events reservation form will come out in early May. You may register with IASYC then, and pay IASYC with your registration Form to IASYC Treasurer Jim Werthey and be ready to let the good

Charlotte is a major city and commercial hub in North Carolina. Its modern city center (Uptown) is home to the Levine Museum of the New South, which explores post-Civil War history in the South, and hands-on science displays at Discovery Place. Uptown is also known for the NASCAR Hall of Fame, which celebrates the sport of auto racing through interactive exhibits and films



IASYC 2023 Opportunity Drawing!!

The IASYC is offering to each of us members the opportunity to enter a drawing to win your own unique, laser-engraved wood fez case! It will be a limited drawing, and all proceeds go to the IASYC general fund. The drawing is limited to 50 tickets, and each ticket costs \$20. The drawing will be held on Zoom, so everyone can see the drawing. Each ticket entry will be shown as it is put into the bowl, and then a winner will be drawn from the 50 paid entries. The winner will be contacted and given instructions on how to claim his/her prize and how to set the order for the laser engraving. The winner may have up to six sides laser engraved with your favorite Masonic or Shrine logos, etc. The top may be laser engraved with your name and information, within reason.

What a deal! Only 50 tickets will be sold for entry into this drawing. Mail your check made payable to the **International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs** for \$20 per ticket you wish to have entered into the drawing with the name(s) you wish on each ticket (yes there may be a different name on each paid ticket or the same name on all of them) that you buy for the drawing). When the fifty tickets are sold, the drawing information will be announced, and you can log into Zoom then and see the drawing.

CASH OPTION. If you are like me, and have a number of fez cases already, if you win, you may select the CASH Option, and receive \$200 in lieu of the fez case as your prize.

Mail your check for multiples of \$20 to our august Membership Chairman,

PIC Ray Desrochers at
162 Woodridge Road
Franklin NH. 03235

and he will maintain the list of tickets and prep for the drawing. Make sure you include your current email address and current phone number with your check and note of whose name is to be placed on the drawing ticket. Some of us have moved, and not let our International Recorder Dave Lane davidlane2@cox.net know of your change of address, change of email, or phone. We want to inform you of the drawing date, and especially if you win!!!!

Enter now, and mail in your check!!



Sample of actual fez case made for a recent Potentate, you can have all six sides laser engraved, and the top engraved with your information. What a deal!!



Congratulations Noble Ray

Brother Ray Desrochers has recently received an Achievement Award from the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction Peter J. Samiec Sovereign Grand Commander.

In recognition of his achievement, Brother Ray received a Certificate of recognition and a new Gold NML Passport for witnessing all of 29 Scottish Rite Degrees. This is a tremendous accomplishment. We understand and appreciate the time, energy, dedication, and sometimes considerable travel, involved in accomplishing this goal. He is an inspiration to the Brothers in his Valley and all Scottish Rite Freemasonry.



IASYC MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

As we say goodbye to 2022, our 50th anniversary year, we congratulate everyone for a great year of Membership Development and applaud a great year of accomplishments for service to the field force.

2023 is starting out strong with a New Yacht club recently formed in Mexico.

We also have two new appointments:

Noble William Kutschbach PP was appointed IASYC District Commandore for the Central Ohio Area.

Noble Marcelo Espinosa Savarez was appointed IASYC District Commodore for Bolivia.

As you all know, Membership Development is essential, and we are looking for more Nobles with enthusiasm to help IASYC become the largest Club within The Shrine.

Noble Duane Crapser PP is off to a good start. As a member of Tigris Shrine and a new member of IASYC, he has scheduled his first meeting to start a new club in the Oswego New York area.

IASYC District Commodore Steven Turner of the United Kingdom, with the assistance of IASYC Port Captain Ian Tough, are doing a super job in Membership Development.

Noble Ugur Parmaksiz from Istanbul Turkey has been attending our IASYC monthly Zoom meeting, and we hope he will assist us with Emirat Shrine in Germany with Membership Development.

If you are interested in an appointment within IASYC, please contact The Commodore or me.

Hope to see you at our 2023 International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs Mid-Winter Meeting March 26, 2023, in Mazatlán Mexico.

REMEMBER

RECRUIT-----RECRUIT-----RECRUIT

Ray Desrochers PIC

IASYC Membership Chairman

2023 International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs Mid Winter Meeting
Mar 23rd through Mar 30th Mazatlan, Mexico

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98th East West Shrine Bowl



COIN TOSS

The East–West Shrine Bowl is a postseason college football all-star game that has been played annually since 1925; through the January 2019 playing, it was known as the East–West Shrine Game



Kenny Craven
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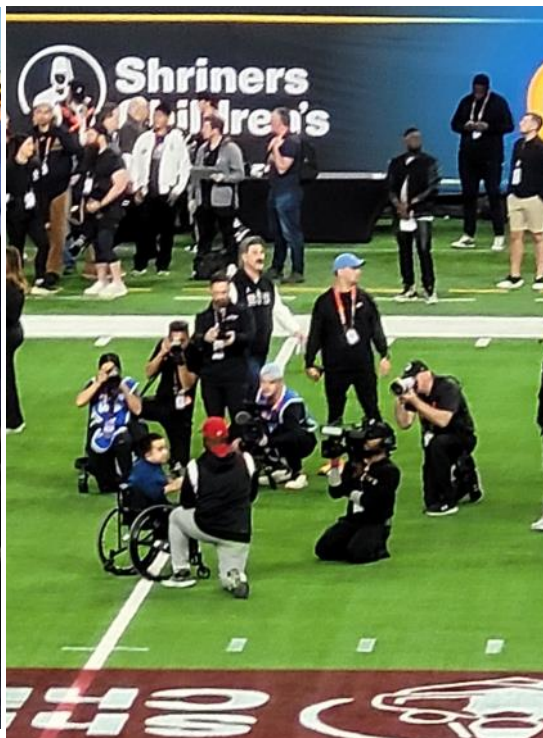


The Imperial Divan, representing all of us Shriners on the field, salute the colors during our National Anthem.

Photo courtesy of Gene Yee



Imperial Sir Tim Forbus and his Lady share a light moment with International Vice Commodore Gene Yee at the East West Shrine Bowl.



Shriners Ambassador Alec being interviewed on the field pregame by the News media. Photo courtesy of Gene Yee.



International Vice Commodore Gene Yee with Imperial Sir Richard Burke, Imperial Assistant Rabban, at the 2023 East West Shrine Bowl

Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club

With the arrival of March, the days are getting longer, the song birds are returning to Cleveland, and the daffodils and crocuses are emerging from the ground. It is also time for Shriners to start recruiting our Masonic Brothers, who are not a member of Al Koran Shrine. The Ceremonial crossing of the Hot Sands this year will be a statewide Ceremonial of all six Shrine Temples. It will be held at the Aladdin Shrine Center in the Oasis of Columbus. The date is Saturday, March 18. Let us, as Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, do our part to help guide a large caravan of neophytes across this Hot Sands to the oasis of our Shrine Center.

Since the Ground Hog saw his shadow on Ground Hog Day, there will be six more weeks of winter.

Sunshine Chairman, P/C John Baker has informed me that several Mariners and their ladies have come down with winter colds and the flu. Hang in there – Spring is right around the corner.

The March Business Meeting of Al Koran Shrine will be held on Monday, March 20. The location will be in the official call of the Potentate in the March Al Koran Magazine on page 2.

The Mariners March meeting will be held on Tuesday March 28, at the Edgewater Yacht Club. Chow and grog will commence at 1800 hours and our meeting will be rapped to order at 1900 hours.

Mark your calendar for the Mariners 2023 Brunch Cruise on Sunday, April 23. The Mariners, along with Al Koran Shrine and the LOSNA, will be joining the International Order of Blue Gavel (IOBG) for a Welcome Spring Brunch Cruise on the Nautica Queen. We will be boarding at 1230 hours with the cruise along Cleveland's shore line, commencing from 1300 hours to 1530 hours. This year, the IOBG has reserved the entire Nautical Queen for the afternoon. Seating is limited to 270 people. For information concerning this cruise, membership or activities of the Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club, please contact Commodore Ronn Murphy P.P. at 216-702-6785.

To all the Al Koran Shriners and their ladies, the Mariners and our Ladies wish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day and may the "Luck of the Irish" follow you for the rest of 2023.

God's Speed

Bob Stanley M.S.A.

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IASYC Member
Jewel \$35

International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs

Application for Membership

IASYC Started as a club within the Shrine. It is composed of Shrine boaters since 1971, and today represents affiliated Shrine Temple Yacht Clubs and Ambassadors of goodwill among the boating fraternity.

IIASYC is a private, self-supporting, fraternal therance of the aims of Shrinedom. It has Atlantic seaboard of the United States, coast Mexico, Germany, Mexico, , Spain, Brazil, continue with no end in sight. We consider ourselves the most family oriented and the premier organization in all of Shrinedom.



Shrine boating association dedicated to the fur-grown and developed since its infancy from the to coast, into Canada, Alaska, United Kingdom, Bolivia and Hawaii. Its growth and expansion

If you would like to become an IASYC Member, please complete the application below and mail to James Wertley, Treasurer, 6108 Prince Frederick Court, Leesburg, FL 34748, or email to des.hov@gmail.com.

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(Note: For IASYC Shirt Information, use Form # 2017-11 (Item #32) in the IASYS Operational Procedure Manual.)

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