



International Yachting
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Czech & Slovak Rotary Fleet

The Rotarians of the Czech and Slovak Fleet celebrate the 10th anniversary of fellowship.



This time our traditional autumn inland meeting took place at the largest lake in Central Europe, Lake Balaton. We commemorated with dignity the founding of the first official fellowship of our district, the Czech & Slovak Rotary Fleet, which became a member of the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians (IYFR).

It is exactly 10 years since the Czech & Slovak Rotary Fleet charter ceremony took place in Opava on 30.1.2015, with the participation of Commodore International Mr. Sergio Santi, highest representative of IYFR. Our first ever Fleet Commodore has become Honza Chalupa.

The meeting was held at the Vitorlas Restaurant in Balatonfüred, which included a museum section of the first yacht club and Blue Ribbon Regatta, which to this day is the most prestigious and oldest (1934) existing round-the-lake competition in Europe.

The focus of the meeting were valuable discussions and lectures: the past, present and future of the fleet - Honza Chalupa, the specifics of sailing in Greece - Bohumil Křempek, sailing on Balaton - Peter Grafenau, the IYFR meeting in Serbia - Radoslav Simon, La Grace, a sailing legend - Martin Peřat and Radek Urban, and our fleet godfather Richard Konkolski shared his valuable experience. You can find out about his round the world sailing stories at www.konkolski.com. The meeting was attended by representatives of 10 Rotary clubs from the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

The date for the Rotary Sailing Week 2025 has been set for May 31 to June 7. Kvarner region in the northern part of the Adriatic Sea. The location of the fleet meeting is still to be specified, possibly the southern part of Kvarner. IYFR Area1 Annual General Meeting 2025 will be held on 8 August 2025 in Kiel, Germany.

We rounded off the great atmosphere and spirit of the meeting with sailing on the Lake Balaton and a visit to the picturesque historic village of Tihany.







Fellowship and Service

Boating with fellow Rotarians and friends is a delightful way to share ideas, improve your seamanship, provide support for Rotary service activities, make lasting friendships and practice the ideals of Rotary.

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And what could be nicer than to combine the idea of fellowships and drive for yachting on motorbikes! That's Freedom.

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