

A little background to the International Council of Cruising Yachts (ICCY)

The 1st International Meeting of Cruising yachts at Lübeck, Germany, inspired a tradition of making friends whilst cruising, and to annual meetings organised by Yacht Clubs around Northern Europe. This led to the foundation of the ICCY in Hamburg on 9th May 1986 by delegates from 8 European countries. By 1996 this had grown to 19 clubs and associations represented by 27 members from 13 countries (Belgium, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russia, Sweden and USA) and continues with strong support from its members. Council membership has flourished since then, with continuity of support for the aim of ICCY – *the sea and the friends we make from it.*

Organisation:

The ICCY Presidency changes annually (with effect from the end of the current year's summer meeting). The post of President is usually held by a representative of the club or organisation(s) hosting the coming Summer Meeting.

The ICCY Council consists of a General Secretary and members and is responsible for ICCY procedures and arrangements. Members are personally appointed by invitation of the Council. In most instances Council members have been involved with the organisation of an ICCY Summer (July) International Meeting, when their yacht club acted as host, or joint host, of the meeting.

Cruising Membership has also been introduced. This follows a recommendation for membership proposed by a fellow member. The candidate must be a member of the well recognized local boat club in the country, and the appointment is made at the discretion of the General Secretary. Cruising members have user accounts into ICCY website and they have access to all information of our organization.

A new opportunity for ICCY Associate Membership has recently been created. This is open to retiring Council members who have not been active in at least 3 summer International Meetings. Associate members get the same material as Council members and they are able to participate in Council meetings without the right to vote.

Annual Meetings and Activities:

Summer Meetings take place annually, normally in July. The 34th event will be held in 2015.

At these International Summer Meetings, the ICCY international flag is hoisted, and Meetings last 4-5 days. The organising club(s) arrange interesting programmes of visits and events during annual meetings, including the traditional Gala Dinner. Participating boats fly the current year's meeting flag (and frequently many others!), dress overall, and crews are in party mood. It is ICCY practice to use English as its common language. A warm welcome is extended to everyone seeking enjoyment and friendship aided by the common bond of all who enjoy cruising in sailing or motor yachts.

A weekend or 2-3 day Autumn Meeting, which includes the Council's AGM as well as some outings, also takes place. This may be in the country where the following

year's summer meeting will be held or, for practical reasons, elsewhere. The Autumn Meeting is without boats. As well as renewing friendships an attractive programme of visits and social events is arranged, with wives, husbands, partners and friends all welcome to come along and enjoy the programme.

From time to time invitations are extended to ICCY members and friends to join other events organised by ICCY associated yacht clubs.

Since 2000, ICCY Meetings have been held at:

2000	19th Summer Meeting Autumn	England , London, Cruising Association (CA) England, Oxford
2001	20th Summer Meeting Autumn	Poland, Szczecin, WSIE Academy of European Integration Germany, Berlin
2002	21st Summer Meeting Autumn	Belgium, Brussels, Royal Brussels Yacht Club (BRYC) France, Paris
2003	22nd Summer Meeting Autumn	Russia, St. Petersburg, Naval SportFederation Germany, Hamburg,
2004	23rd Summer Meeting Autumn	France, Fécamp –(Société des Amis de la Grande Aventure) (SAGA) and Société des Régates de Fécamp (SRF) France, Marseilles
2005	24th Summer Meeting Autumn	Sweden, Stockholm Kungl. Motorbåt Klubben (KMK) and Kungl.Svenska Segel Sällskapet (KSSS) Stockholm, Sweden
2006	25th Summer Meeting Autumn	Germany, Kiel, Touren-Yachtclub von Deutschland (TYvD) Dresden, Germany
2007	26th Summer Meeting Autumn	England, Ramsgate, Royal Temple Yacht Club Portsmouth, England
2008	27th Summer Meeting Autumn	Denmark, Copenhagen, Kongelig Dansk Yachtklub (KDY) Copenhagen, Denmark
2009	28th Summer Meeting Autumn	Mariehamn, Aland Islands, Finland Finnish Boating Association, Finnish Sailing Federation and HSK Helsinki, Finland

2010	29th Summer Meeting Autumn	Netherlands, Rotterdam, Nederlandse Vereniging van Toerzeilers Gdansk, Poland
2011	30 th Summer Meeting Autumn	Poland, Gdansk Gdansk and POZZ Tallinn, Estonia
2012	31 st Summer Meeting Autumn	Tallinn, Estonia Germany, Hamburg
2013	32 nd Summer Meeting Autumn	Germany, Flensburg Touren-Yachtclub von Deutschland e.V. Russia, Moscow
2014	33 rd Summer Meeting Autumn	Russia, Kaliningrad (proposed) Revised location: K�rdla, ESTONIA Gothenburg, Sweden
2015	34 th Summer Meeting Autumn	Sweden, Stockholm, Kungl. Motorb�t Klubben (KMK) Germany, Wismar
2016	35 th Summer Meeting Autumn	Germany, Rostock, Touren-Yachtclub von Deutschland e.V. Sochi, Russia

For those planning ahead, future ICCY International Summer meetings are being considered for:

2017	37 th Summer Meeting	Latvia, Riga / Russia, St. Petersburg
2018	38 th Summer Meeting	Denmark, Bornholm, ICCY / local body
2019	39 th Summer Meeting	Finland, Helsinki, Helsingfors Segelklubb

(updated to September 2016)