



President's Comments

By Dieter Jaenicke, ISS President

As of 01 January 2018, I am honoured to have taken over the wheel as President of the ISS, stepping into the very big shoes vacated by Bob Saxon at the end of 2017.

First, I must thank Bob for his vital stewardship in 2017, jumping in to keep the ISS on the intended track, re-energising committees and expanding our international influence and scope, all culminating most visibly in an outstanding Gala at FLIBS 2017.

As we start this year, I see my challenge as President to accelerate and expand all that energy, enthusiasm and tangible progress.

May I ask each of you to help me by getting involved as much as you can? The most fundamental support is getting the word out to our industry about what ISS is doing and encouraging new membership.

Our mission and actions to carry it out include:

- To ensure sustainability and excellence in the global yacht industry
- To build alliances worldwide with regional likeminded associations
- To serve as conduit for issues affecting the marketplace, owners, crew and the global industry overall
- To recognise achievement
- To provide educational and networking opportunities and events

2018 already looks a very exciting year with a full diary of events and initiatives, the details of which will be promulgated after our next Board meeting on the 15th February at the Miami Boat Show.

That Miami meeting is very important, by the way.

At the last board meeting, it was confirmed that we will go forward with expanding the events we hold at the Monaco Yacht Show, moving some of our focus to Europe. To show that commitment, it was decided to try to make the first major move in that direction in 2018 at MYS, if at all feasible. A team is investigating the feasibility and will deliver their report in February.

We must not forget that the ISS is member-driven and reliant on the volunteer work of our Board of Directors, committee chairs and regular members supported by our marketing and administrative staff.

Essential to the ISS being able to meet its mission and progress initiatives that benefit the large yacht industry worldwide is the funding which comes from membership dues and the support of a growing list of enthusiastic sponsors.

I would like to thank you all—our members and sponsors—who have supported us over the past 29 years, contributing your time, talents and resources that allow the ISS to continue.

Please feel free to contact me anytime.

Thank you.



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