



Time has been flying by, and it doesn't seem anything like six months since *Flying Fish* 2016/1 winged its way to the printers. And it seems that I'm not the only one feeling this way – despite extending the 1 October submissions deadline by a record ten days, fewer articles than usual arrived in time for publication in this issue. The silver lining, of course, is that I now have some excellent pieces lined up for *Flying Fish* 2017/1 – I just wish they'd reached me a week or two earlier!

Having said that, there's plenty of really good reading between these covers, with something of an accent on high latitudes, both south and north, and no less than three young recipients of OCC Youth Sponsorship telling us of their voyages. (If you're not familiar with the Youth Sponsorship Programme, you'll find details on the OCC website under the **How to Join the OCC** side-heading). There's also the (almost) mandatory circumnavigation, a passage across the Southern Ocean to Cape Horn, and ... no, go read it for yourself!

For the first time in more than 20 years *Flying Fish* features a crossword – answers later in the issue, so no prizes I'm afraid – but if you'd like a PDF of pages 54 and 55 so you don't have deface your *Fish*, I'd be happy to send one. There are also two recipes, and while all the ones we feature sound delicious, I can personally recommend the **Borrowed Horse Bean Dip** featured on page 148. Sarah brought a bowl to one of the gatherings on the Maine Cruise, and I liked it so much I asked her to send me the recipe. Sadly I can't get to taste all your favourites in situ, but please continue sending them in to share with other members.

A couple more requests while I'm in that mode. Firstly, with proof-readers now required for the *Newsletter* as well as *Flying Fish*, additional volunteers would be particularly welcome. No specific skills are needed – just sharp eyes backed by reliable spelling and grammar. Drop me a line if you're interested. Secondly, we don't yet have a suitable photo for the cover of next year's *Members Handbook*. Because the cover is 'wraparound', the photo needs to have most of the interest in the right half (the front) with a relatively empty left half (the back). If you have something which might fit the bill, do please let me see it.

Finally, the usual reminder – the **DEADLINE** for submissions to *Flying Fish* 2017/1 is **Wednesday 1 February**, and with several articles already on file it would be wise not to leave it until the last moment. If you've not written before – or even if you have – please take time to read the *Guidelines for Contributors* on page 113, and e-mail me, Anne Hammick, on flying.fish@oceancruisingclub.org if you have any queries.

Cover Photo: Caramor looking windswept and interesting in Husvik in 40–50 knots gusting 70 – see *SOUTH GEORGIA: A Wild Paradise* in the Southern Ocean, page 5. Photo Phil Christieson