

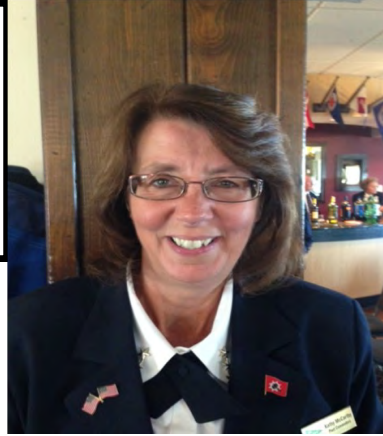


# IOBG - District 7 Northcoast Chatter December, 2020

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IOBG—District 7  
December, 2020

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**Boating Season  
Is Over. 2021  
Countdown Begins**

Hello to all our IOBG-D7  
members.



The annual Change of Watch ceremony took place on October 10<sup>th</sup> at my home club, River's Edge Yacht Club in Fairport Harbor. IOBG President Elect Mark Vadaj swore in the new slate of officers. I am honored and privileged to be sworn in as the 2021 IOBG-D7 President. I look forward to the opportunity of serving D7 to the best of my ability. I also feel we have a good team of officers and vice presidents that are also committed to serving D7. I would like to thank Past President Ron White and the 2020 officers and Vice President's' for their year of service. It certainly was a difficult year to navigate due to the Covid 19 virus.

I also want to give a shout out to Past President Lloyd Bogue who most recently served as Advisor to the District Director. Lloyd has served IOBG-D7 for several years in various capacities and has now moved on to other endeavors. Thank you, Lloyd, for all your hard work.

What can we say about the 2020 boating season? Most parties and events had to be cancelled due to Covid 19 concerns. Some clubs have struggled to stay solvent with the lack of most of their fundraiser events. I normally chair one of the biggest fundraisers at our club which would have been held in November. It is our REYC Ladies Luncheon and Chinese Auction. Many of our ladies have expressed how sad they are to miss it this year. We can only hope that we can come back bigger and stronger next year.

We did have good weather and water for some great boating. My husband and I were able to do several trips this year. We could be found cruising the waters in our 39' SeaRay named "Perfect Match" along with our sidekick, our 16-month-old Shih tzu puppy, Bailey. We had fun traveling, although we missed being able to attend the various parties and visit other clubs. Here's looking forward to a new season – the countdown has begun!

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**Upcoming Events:**

**ILYA COW—Dec. 4-5 @  
Westlake Doubletree**

**Holiday Party cancelled**

**Next IOBG-D7 meeting  
In February—TBD**

**Nautica Queen—April 25**

**President****Kathryn McCarthy****216-470-2857 kmccarthy725@yahoo.com****Continued:**

Although we are still dealing with Covid concerns, we are being hopeful that we can return to some normalcy in 2021. The IOBGA is actively planning the Brunch Cruise on the Nautica Queen to be held on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the flyer is included in this newsletter. D7 also has reserved the Holiday Inn Express in Madison for the Wine Tour in September. A save the date flyer is also attached.

The Treasurer will be sending out statements for the 2021 dues. I hope we can count on your continued support with your payment to keep D7 the largest district in the International. We have held this title for the last few years but can only maintain this position with your support.

On that note, we would like to ask all of you for your help. If you know of any other past commodores from your clubs that are not already members of D7, please encourage them to join us. If they are interested, please have them contact me. Also, for our existing members, if your spouse is a member of the auxiliary and they have interest in getting involved, the auxiliary would welcome the help. Have them contact Auxiliary President Gina Aune.

We do have two positions open if anyone wants to get involved. We need a Pennsylvania VP and an Ohio River Shed VP. (you do not have to be from those areas to represent them). Also, our secretary, Warren Dempster, has agreed to serve one more year, but we will need a new secretary in 2022. If anyone is interested, please let me know.

I would like to wish everyone good health and a safe and happy holiday season.

Respectfully submitted,

President Kathryn McCarthy



**President Elect -  
Mark Cain**  
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Welcome aboard to another new season of boating. Yes, I know everyone has just put their boats up, for the winter. As you know, that's when the real boaters start to prepare for the upcoming season.

I'm looking forward to serving with president Kathy McCarthy, and also the entire board. My initial goals will be to promote and encourage memberships and activities in District 7. Also to promote and support out new international president Mark Vadaj. Our goal is to make sure all of IOBG has a fun and exciting season and hopefully encourage all future and past commodores to join in for a great new boating season.

Thank you,  
Mark Cain

*Happy  
Holidays*



**First Vice President -  
Joe Toth**  
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Hello to all District 7 members and officers. It is a honor to be your First Vice President this year and to serve with Kathy as President. I'm a Past Commodore of Rivers Edge Yacht Club and a founding member. I also have been into boating for over 30 plus years and longtime member of the Blue Gavel.

I hope everyone had a great summer this year other than the setbacks from Covid 19, but better times and things are ahead.

I'm one of the new guy here and not everyone knows me. I'm here to help anyone, just let me know what I can do. My email is [jtoth@windstream.net](mailto:jtoth@windstream.net), my cell # is 216-389-7428, home is 440-636-6283.

I hope everyone had a good Halloween. I also hope everyone stays safe and has a great Thanksgiving and Christmas this year.

2021 boating season is coming!

Capt. Joe Toth

## Treasurer—John Sukis

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I want to thank everyone for the get well, birthday and anniversary wishes. All is good, the meds and doctors were able to correct my rhythm issues and I feel like my old self again. As for the Covid 19 issue I have to believe I have a very good immune system or the nasal swab test was not accurate. All in all, it has been a very interesting five or six weeks. I was tested positive on October 5<sup>th</sup> and have not experienced any symptoms the entire time with an average temperature of 97.7. The Cuyahoga Board of Health released me from self-quarantine on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

My advice (though, no one really knows this virus, including the scientist, for sure) wear your masks when out in public and when your visiting with close friends. Wash your hands often and social distance until you get vaccinated.

Well, enough about Covid. The summer is over and fall is in bloom. Time to take a drive and enjoy the fall colors maybe stop for a glass of wine along the way.

In the last Chatter I reminded all District 7 Chapters of their requirement to file a tax return each year by May 15<sup>th</sup>. I would like to re-emphasize that requirement again. District 7 and all District 7 Club Chapters are Tax Exempt 501c7 Not for Profit organizations by way of a Group Exemption filed by the International. In order for your chapter to be included in the Group Exemption the chapter TIN (Taxpayer Identification Number) must be on file with the International. Otherwise you are not exempt from tax on any of the funds you receive. If you have any questions regarding your filing requirement please call me. My number is (440)-570-4921 and leave a message including your phone number and I will get back to you.

I will be invoicing everyone for 2021 dues in December. Check your email for your 2021 Dues invoice. This year Rosemary and I will become Snow Birds for the first time. We expect to be heading south for Jamaica Bay Ft. Myers November 15<sup>th</sup> returning in April next year. This may present a problem with timely collection and remittance of 2021 dues. Certainly, you can forward your dues payment to my home address in Westlake, as posted on the website dues invoice. Our mail will be forwarded to our Florida Address 60 Trois Ct. Ft. Myers Florida 33912. You may save time by mailing your dues directly to John P Sukis Treasurer, 60 Trois Ct., Ft. Myers, Florida 33912.

IOBG Members will receive discounts on many of your vendor purchases with your 2021 IOBG Membership. A list of participating vendors will be enclosed with your 2021 Membership Card. Be sure to present your membership card when making purchases, to take advantage of this added membership benefit, at the participating vendors.

Please be safe and enjoy the upcoming holidays.



Beaver Creek Boat Club  
 Beaver Park Yacht Club  
 Huron Yacht Club  
 Laguna Yacht Club  
 Lorain Sailing & Yacht Club  
 Vermilion Boat Club  
 Vermilion Harbor Yacht Club  
 Vermilion Yacht Club  
 Westlake Yachting Club

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Hard to believe the boating season is over. The holidays are right around the corner. Lets hope 2021 is a better year then 2020.

I know this was a strange year and a lot of activities were canceled, but next year sounds more promising. Don't forget to send in your dues for the 2021 year. Our district had the highest membership numbers in the US again. We want to beat out Florida again.

Congratulations to Kathy and all the new board members that were elected to new offices.

If you have any articles or events you would like to include in the Chatter please send them to us and we can include them in the next edition.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Wonderful Holiday Season and a Merry Christmas.

If there is anything I can do to help you out with any Blue Gavel matters please give me a call or send me an e mail.

Respectfully Submitted,

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 East Light Yacht Club  
 Edgewater Marina Boat Club  
 Edgewater Yacht Club  
 Forest City Yacht Club  
 Inter-City Yacht Club  
 Lakeside Yacht Club  
 Northeast Yacht Club  
 Wildwood Yacht Club



I would like to thank Past President Ron White and the entire Bridge for all their hard work in making IOBG District 7 the #1 District AGAIN this past year. What a great accomplishment!

Now on to the next year and Kathy McCarthy and her crew. Wishing Kathy and her Bridge calm waters and fair sailing in 2021.

My club had a great year even though all of our activities were cancelled. The weather for the most part was pretty good and the lake levels were not as high as predicted. We had a banner year with new members, 24 in all.

The summer boating season sure flies by fast and hopefully the winter off-season will go by just as fast. Please remember to get your dues in, as it is that time of year again!

Happy Holidays to everyone and please be safe, healthy and wear your mask to help keep everyone safe!

Tim Yearick

Cleveland Central Vice President



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Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club  
Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club  
Chagrin River Yacht Club  
Island West Yacht Club  
Lake County Yacht Club  
West Channel Yacht Club

Ahoy, Members:

The Officers and I certainly hope that you are well and healthy. Together we are IOBG and only through your support are we able to continue with the programs and furthering the mission of assisting the Blue Gavel. In spite of the many challenges our country and world are facing, together we are the IOBG and only through your support are we able to further the cause of having fun.

Fall is here and the leaves are dropping and the nights are getting longer; the year is coming to an end. Time to take the boats out of the water, clean off the bottom and place the covers on them for winter storage, always a sad day for me.

The USS COD is going to dry dock for repairs and maintenance over the winter months and return in the spring. Join me and share the fellowship and friendship with the other IOBG.

Commodores please ask a fellow commodore to join IOBG and spread the word

Please share your ideas with me to improve the FUN.

AHOY!

Ronn Murphy,

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*Ashtabula Yacht Club  
 Fairport Harbor Yacht Club  
 Grand River Yacht Club  
 Mentor Harbor Yachting Club  
 Mentor Lagoons Yacht Club  
 River's Edge Yacht Club  
 Western Reserve Yacht Club  
 Zem Zem Sailors Yacht Club*



My love for boating started when I was 9 years old and went boating with my father. I bought my first boat at 22 and have owned one ever since. I've been a member of several different yacht clubs over the years until I found a permanent home with Fairport Harbor Yacht Club.

I served in several board positions and then Commodore twice at the Captains Yacht Club. I was treasurer of the FHYC for two years and am now running for Rear Commodore (hope I'm elected!).

I'm employed as a general manager for a national sign company and have been married for 4 years to my wife, Amy. She's since become an avid boater as well.

I'm really looking forward to serving as Vice President of the 7th District of Northeastern Ohio next year. It will be a great opportunity for me to visit other clubs and meet fellow boaters. Hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season. Then we can start looking forward to the 2021 boating season.



FAIRPORT HARBOR YACHT CLUB

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All Ports Yacht Club  
 Catawba West Harbor Yacht Club  
 Commodores Cruising Club  
 Dock of the Bay Yacht Club  
 Harbor Bay Yacht Club  
 Middle Bass Island Yacht Club  
 Point Yacht Club  
 Sandusky Yacht Club

As we put all of our toys away for the year, and look forward to a great 2021 boating season. A lot of the clubs in the Northwest area had canceled most of their gathering this year, or cut way back due to this tough year. I look forward to getting back to normal next year and visiting the clubs in my area.

I also look to include articles from Blue gavel chapters. I am attaching a section of the November Scuttlebutt from the Blue Gavel at Vermilion Boat Club to show what their chapter has been doing to help the club.

This is hoping you and yours's have a great Holiday season.



Vermilion Boat Club

*Copied from the VBC Scuttlebutt publication:*

### **New Deck and Dry Space for Outside Bar**

Compliments of VBC Blue Gavel and Member Volunteers By Mike Wachter, VBC Blue Gavel President Members are encouraged to check out the new deck being installed by the VBC Blue Gavel (VBC's past commodores). The work on this project is being done by VBC volunteers: Frank Resar, Tom Evans, Tom Talliano, Larry Uebbing, Georgann Wachter, John Heideman, Fred Ostrander, Jack Januzzie, and Mike Wachter. Yes, the average age of our construction crew is 75! The oldest member weighs in at 85 and the youngest at 65. Thanks also to Kuhn Fabricating for cutting and bending the flashings. Want to help? Contact Mike Wachter at [mike.wachter@eriewrecks.com](mailto:mike.wachter@eriewrecks.com).



*John Heideman is missing from the picture above*

The DuxxBak brand decking is water tight. As a result, the space under the deck will be dry when it rains, allowing us to use the outside bar when the skies open. This project will be completed this fall, and is fully funded by Blue Gavel fundraisers. These include the pig roast, clam bake, spaghetti dinner, and Membership Raffle. Member participation in these fundraising events will help Blue Gavel continue to help the club be “The place to be” every day, every week, and every year. In the spring, Blue Gavel plans a complete rebuild of the outside bar, including poolside seating, riverside service areas, under deck bar seating, and new bar equipment. We also have a permit to replace the vertical 2” x 2” deck railing with stainless steel cable railing. Once these projects are complete, we hope to raise the money to put a dining patio to the east of the outside bar (north of the club building inside the rope line). This will tie the fire-pit, bar, and patio into one open social area for member enjoyment.



**Ohio River Watershed V.P.—OPEN POSITION**

Aladdin Mariners Yacht Club  
 Alum Creek Sailing Club  
 Atwood Yacht Club  
 Buckeye Lake Yacht Club  
 Earlville Yacht Club  
 Lake Milton Boat Club  
 Scioto Boat Club

**Pennsylvania V.P. —OPEN POSITION**

Commodore Perry Yacht Club  
 Erie Yacht Club  
 Presque Isle Yacht Club  
 Sea Rangers Boat Club  
 Syria Shrine Mariners

**SECRETARY FOR 2022—OPEN POSITION**

**WE NEED YOU! IF YOU HAVE A FEW HOURS TO GIVE, WE HAVE SOME OPEN POSITIONS. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY INTEREST. PLEASE CALL KATHRYN MCCARTHY OR RON WHITE.**

FINAL VOYAGE

P/C Bill Simmons—CRYC

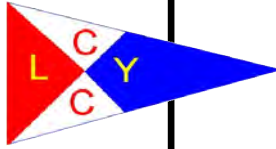
Trish Graven

If anyone has any members who have passed away and you would like to have their names published in the next “Chatter” please email me at [kmccarthy725@yahoo.com](mailto:kmccarthy725@yahoo.com)

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On October 10th, the IOBG-D7 Change of Watch was held at REYC. Thank you Commodore Ed Barko for the warm welcome. Thank you President Elect from International Mark Vadaj for attending our meeting and swearing in our new officers. Congratulations to President Kathryn McCarthy and Bridge.

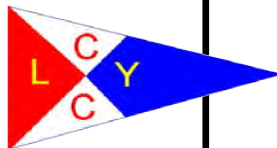
On October 18th, a celebration of life was celebrated at EYC for Trish Graven who we lost to Covid-19. It was a cold, rainy day and I believe Trish was crying from heaven. It was a beautiful tribute.

This last year has been a trying time with COVID-19. I'm hoping that soon we can gather together with friends and family. I hope we are Covid free soon. All clubs have been affected. Fund-raisers have been cancelled. Let's hope we can get back to some sort of normalcy in 2021.

Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah!! Stay safe everyone!

## Pat White Advisor to the District Director

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Looking forward to getting back to normal for the 2021 events. I guess we will all see what Covid 19 has in store for us.

Please don't forget your 2021 Dues, as we want to keep our momentum strong in membership so we can have four straight years with the most Blue Gavel members In District 7.

Please have a Great Holiday and Stay Safe.

**President IOBGA Auxiliary – Gina Aune**  
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Well autumn is here and we are still social distancing and unfortunately going into flu season.

Because of Covid19 the IOBGA D7 Annual Holiday Party has been cancelled like so many other yacht club related events.

It is our sincere hope that by 2021 will be able to resume our annual events and be able to socialize again with friends and family.

Stay Well Everyone.



District 7 Change of Watch took place at River's Edge Yacht Club on October 10th. The 2021 Officers and VP's were sworn in by IOBG President Elect Mark Vadaj



Scott Drury of REYC was sworn in as a member to IOBG-D7 at the October COW.



John Sukis was awarded a "Distinguished Service Award" for his dedicated service to IOBG-D7

## 2021 IOBG Dues Notice

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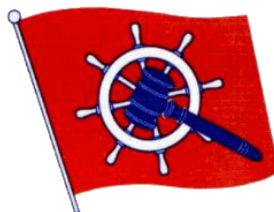
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## INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby apply for membership in the International Order of the Blue Gavel.

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Yacht Club where you were Commodore: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to abide by the Bylaws and Rules of my Chapter, District, and the International Order of the Blue Gavel.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for: \_\_\_\_\_ U.S.

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**Please join IOBGA District 7 for a Brunch Cruise on The Nautica Queen.**

**Sunday April 25, 2021 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Boarding time is 12:00 p.m.

Adults \$33.00 per person

**Buffet includes:**

Fresh Fruit Compote

Mixed Greens with Dressing

Assorted Sweet Rolls, Danish and

Croissants with Butter and Jam

Side Salads

Chef's Choice of Carving - Beef, Ham, or Turkey

French Toast or Waffles with Maple Syrup

Grilled Bacon and Sausage

Blintzes with Fruit Toppings

Home Fried Potatoes

Fluffy Scrambled Eggs

Pasta du jour

Breast of Chicken du jour

Dessert

Choice of Coffee, Tea or Iced Tea

Cash Bar

For reservations contact Marianne Dempster at [marianne.dempster@yahoo.com](mailto:marianne.dempster@yahoo.com) or 440-289-1216

Seating is limited to 270. Please reserve early. Reservations and payment due by April 10, 2021

Please make checks payable to **IOBGA District 7**

Payment may be sent to: Marianne Dempster

12045 Concord Hambden Rd., Concord Twp., Ohio 44077

**Invite your friends for a great afternoon aboard the Nautica Queen.**

**Thank you**

*For the 2021 Brunch Cruise, the IOBGA has reserved the entire  
Nautica Queen.*

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW**

*5th Annual  
IOBG District 7, 9 & 25  
Wine Tour*



*September 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 2021  
@  
Holiday Inn Express & Suites  
Madison, Ohio*



**Saturday Bus Wine Tour**

***\*Bus Price \$30/Person\*  
LOAD BUS @ 11:45***

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ARRIVE BACK AT HOTEL @ 6pm

***FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY ROOM  
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***\*All participants are expected to pay bus fees***

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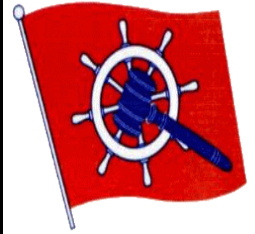
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