



# IOBG District 7 Northcoast Chatter—January 2013

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## President Pat McIlwee

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It is an honor and privilege to serve this great organization as President for District 7. I would encourage all of the members in District 7 to get involved, meet new friends and have some fun.

We have some very big goals this year. The Chatter will be going out to all members on a more regular basis. We continue to grow our district and will need your help in accomplishing this.

Our website is being updated more frequently and I would like to thank District 7 Webmaster John Wierzchowski for making this happen.

I would also like to thank all of our Vice Presidents for all of their efforts:

President Elect -

Gene McKeown CWHYC

First Vice President - Warren Dempster

Cleveland East - VP Pat White CLYC

Cleveland Central - VP Mike

Key CRYC

Cleveland West - VP Rich McKee SSCC

South Central - VP - open

Northeast - VP Cliff Gabriel - MLYC

Central Ohio - VP Steve Harris - BLYC

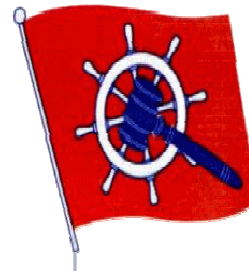
Northwest - VP Debbie Light - APYC

Pennsylvania - VP Charles Miller - PIYC

Ohio River/Southern Ohio - VP Nick Romano ELYC

I would also like to thank Past Commodore Dominique Sorbo of Huron Yacht Club for becoming the new secretary for District 7

I would like to remind everyone that we have a new supply officer and former VP and Past President Lou Key. Welcome back Lou!!



There should be some new ideas this year and we will certainly have some good times. I would encourage you to check our website frequently, come to a meeting and get involved. You won't regret it!!

If anyone has any questions or I can assist in anyway. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted

Pat McIlwee

## President Elect Gene McKeown

Happy New Year to all members of IOBG District 7. I hope that you all enjoyed the holidays here on the North Coast or, in warmer climates. My name is Gene McKeown and I'm very proud to serve as District 7's President Elect for 2013. Please contact me at anytime by phone, 440 452 3815 or email, [genemckeown@oh.rr.com](mailto:genemckeown@oh.rr.com) with IOBG questions or concerns.

The District 7 web site, [www.iobgdistrict7.com](http://www.iobgdistrict7.com) is being continuously updated by our web master John Wierzchowski. Please check in at the web site for upcoming events, times, and locations. If you like marching in parades, be sure to keep the date, March 17<sup>th</sup> open. You will receive more information concerning this date soon. Also, if you like cruising on the open waters of Lake Erie, good food and drinks, keep April 28<sup>th</sup> open for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Nautica Queen Brunch Cruise.

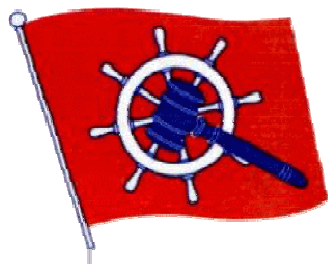
2012 was a great year for District 7. Our membership spike with a record high 238 member. We are officially recognized as the largest District in the IOBG.

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Special points of interest:

- Dues are currently due and payable
- March 17, 2013  
St. Patrick's Day Parade
- March 21, 2013  
Blue Blazer Social
- April 28, 2013 Nautica Queen Brunch
- May 27, 2013 USS Cod
- June 22, 2013 GCBA Rendezvous Huron OH
- August 10, 2013 ILYA Put in Bay OH



## President Elect Gene McKeown (continued)

Our 2012 President Mark Vadaj, as well as our area Vice Presidents worked through out the year to install new members and encourage renewal of all existing members. Invoices for 2013 have gone out and are due back at the end of December. If you didn't get one contact me and I will mail or email one to you.

The important job of recruiting new members kicks off with our annual Blue Blazer event in March. This event is by invitation. Invitations are sent out to all current 2013 Commodores and Vice Commodores. Our records need continuous updating so, please let me know who your current Commodore and Vice Commodore are. We don't want to over look anyone.

Thanks you for your membership in IOBG District 7. Together we thrive.

## First Vice President Warren Dempster

I would like to thank the membership of District 7 for allowing me to serve as your 1<sup>st</sup>. Vice President for 2013. In 2012, District 7 had the distinction of having the largest membership in the IOBG, and it is our goal on this board to remain that way. Our initial dues mailing was a great success, but we still have plenty of work to do, both in member renewals and recruitment of new Past Commodores

As you will see in our 2013 calendar of events, we have many events planned for our membership. Our events can only be a success, if you the members are willing to participate in them. Already behind us is our Change of Watch that was attended by many of our members. THANK YOU to Forest City Yacht Club for allowing us to use their facilities. I would like to THANK the Past President of District 7, Mark Vadaj and Past President Robin Vadaj of the IOBGA for all their tireless efforts to help make District 7 the success it is today. A special THANK YOU and congratulations on a great year goes out to Past International President Steve and Shirley Willings who attended that event. Also, the IOBGA of District 7 held the annual holiday party at Bratenhal Place. As in the past, this was a great party and I would like to THANK Neil and Sue Van Uum for again securing the penthouse for this event. A big THANK YOU to President Marianne Dempster and her entire bridge for all their hard work in making the holiday party a huge success.

I am looking forward to working with the area Vice Presidents and both President Elect Gene McKeown and President Pat McIlwee throughout the 2013 year. If I can be of any assistance to your club or chapter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Warren Dempster

## Central Ohio VP Steve Harris

Greetings all members of District 7. I look forward to serving you this coming year as the Central Ohio VP and working with our Club Chapters and members in this area. I am the 2005 Past Commodore of Buckeye Lake Yacht Club and the current Vice Commodore of I-LYA. While these activities and responsibilities certainly keep me busy, I hope that I can bring some interest, enthusiasm, and increased involvement from this area to District 7 as well. I am looking forward to meeting our members and PCs in this area and to another enjoyable boating season this coming year.

Wherever we go, whomever we meet, remember... "There is nothing - absolutely nothing - half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats" (Kenneth Grahame - "The Wind in the Willows")

Hope to see you on the water this season,

## Cleveland East VP Pat White

Thank you District & for the experience serving as your VP Cleveland East. I have met so many new faces. I've made friends and these are friendships that will last a lifetime. It's been an enjoyable year. International Blue Gavel is a great organization and I am proud to be a member.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I hope everyone stays healthy in 2013 and has a wonderful boating season. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance to you or if I can help with your club.

Best wishes to President Pat McIlwee and the Bridge Officers. May you have an outstanding year!!!

## Northwest VP Debbie Light

Allow me to introduce myself, my name is Debbie Light. I am the Northwest Vice President of district 7 IOBG. I am happy to say that this is my first year serving. I was the 2011 Commodore of All Ports Yacht Club, where I have been a member for twelve years. I have a 28 ft. Wellcraft Monte Carlo called First Lady, which I am still learning to operate as Skipper.

During the coming year, I hope we will get the opportunity to come together and share in the Camaraderie. I am looking forward to serving this region to the best of my ability. I will be in touch with my clubs and members as the days unfold. If you need to get a hold of me, my cell is 216-973-1076 and my email is [dlightful759@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dlightful759@sbcglobal.net).

I welcome your suggestions and your participation in District 7. Looking forward to meeting everyone that I can.

Debbie Light

V/P Northwest

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All Ports Yacht Club

Catawba West Harbor Yacht Club

Dock of the Bay Yacht Club

Harbor Bay Yacht Club

Huron Yacht Club

Middle Bass Island Yacht Club

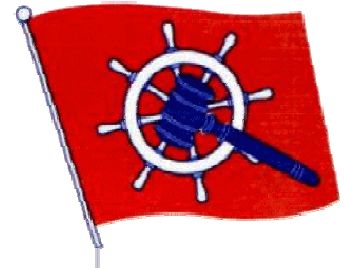
Point Yacht Club

Sandusky Yacht Club

Vermilion Boat Club

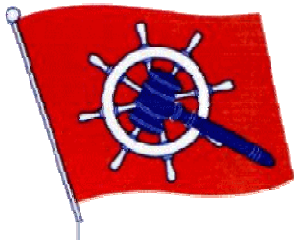
Vermilion Harbor Yacht Club

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Cleveland East  
V.P. Pat White, CLYC

Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club  
Chagrin River Yacht Club  
East Light Yacht Club  
Forest City Yacht Club  
Island West Yacht Club  
Lake County Yacht Club  
Northeast Yacht Club  
West Channel Yacht Club  
Wildwood Yacht Club



## Cleveland Central Mike Key

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I would like to wish everyone a most joyful and prosperous New Year. I haven't had the pleasure of meeting many of you this past year, but I hope to meet more this year. District 7 has become the largest district in International and it is because we have so many people that care about giving back to our clubs. Mentoring is our number one job and you can make a difference. I will be in contact with the members of Cleveland Central to see if there is anything District can do to help out. Please keep up with the Chatter, there are quite a few opportunities to mingle with other really great IOBG members. And if there is any way I can help out, don't hesitate to contact me. [mikekey66@gmail.com](mailto:mikekey66@gmail.com) Please put IOBG in the subject bar as I get tons of emails. Just a reminder to pay your dues and keep Dist. 7 on target.

Dugway Creek Yacht Club  
 Edgewater Marina Boat Club  
 Edgewater Yacht Club  
 Four Seasons Boat club  
 Gordon Shore Boat Club  
 Inter-City Yacht Club  
 Lakeside Yacht Club  
 Members-at-Large

## Northeast VP Cliff Gabriell

We are looking forward to the 2013 boating season. This will be our third year of involvement on the District 7 bridge and we look forward again to working with the Past Commodore's of Yacht Clubs in the Mentor Lagoons and Grand River. Our interest is to support you in establishing strong Blue Gavel Chapters within your organizations. My wife Marilyn and I have met many new friends through our involvement with the Blue Gavel and have received way more than we have put in.

We ask that our Clubs supply us with their "2013 Schedule of Events" so we can list them on the Districts website. This will enable everyone the opportunity to take part in your functions. We also encourage you to attend our District 7 events and meetings which you can find on our website. In the mean time I will do my best to keep you informed of upcoming events.

If I can be of help in any way, please give me a call.

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 Fairport Harbor Yacht Club  
 Grand River Yacht Club  
 Mentor Harbor Yachting Club  
 Mentor Lagoons Yacht Club  
 River's Edge Yacht Club  
 The Captains Yacht Club  
 Western Reserve Yacht Club



## President IOBGA Auxillary – Marianne Dempster

Hello my name is Marianne Dempster President of IOBGA

I have been involved in boating since I met my husband 24 years ago. I look forward to representing the IOBGA District 7 as your President

My bridge includes:

Vice President Marilyn Gabriel

Secretary Cindy Wierczchowski

Treasurer Mary Romano

District Director Robin Vadaj

Advisor P/P Sue Van Um

Advisor International P/P Jerry Key

I would like to thank the Bridge and Advisors for being part of my team.

We had our Annual Christmas Party which I hope everyone who attended enjoyed. I would like to thank Neil and Sue Van Um for the use of the Bratenahl Penthouse Suite and the Auxiliary Bridge for all their assistance. I would also like to thank Gene McKeown and Warren Dempster for bartending.

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

Sunday April 28, 2013 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

For reservations contact Marianne Dempster at [maredemp@oh.rr.com](mailto:maredemp@oh.rr.com) 440-289-1216

Seating is limited, please reserve early. Reservations and payment due by March 25, 2013.

Please make checks payable to

IOBGA District 7

2013 IOBG Dues Notice

Dues are due and payable 12/15/2012

IOBG Dues \$58.00

IOBGA Dues \$10.00

Total \$ 68.00

Optional Humanitarian Fund Donation available

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Name:

Spouse:

P/C of which Yacht Club:

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State:

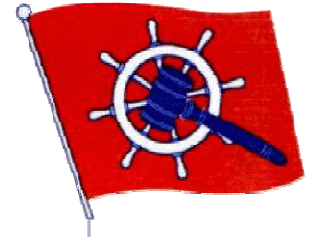
Zip:

Phone Number

Email address:

Any changes from prior year

## Cleveland West VP Rich McKee Jr



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Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club  
Beaver Creek Boat Club  
Beaver Park Yacht Club  
Cleveland Yachting Club  
Lorain Sailing & Yacht Club  
Westlake Yachting Club  
South Shore Cruising Club

## Ohio River / Southern Ohio VP Nick Romano

I would like to welcome back  
Nick Romano to the bridge.  
Nick has been here done that  
before and I am looking forward  
to him growing our membership  
in Southern Ohio. Welcome  
back Nick!

## Pennsylvania VP Charles Miller

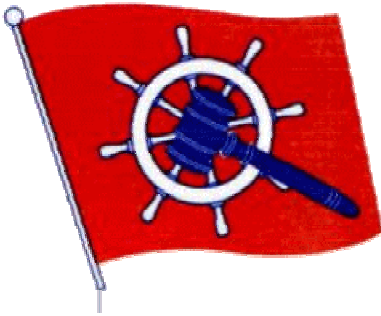
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Commodore Perry Yacht Club  
Erie Yacht Club  
Presque Isle Yacht Club  
Sea Rangers Boat Club  
Syria Shrine Mariners  
Zem Zem Zailors

International Order of Blue  
Gavel District 7

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## March 17, 2013

SAVE THE DATE

We will be marching in the St Patricks Day Parade in  
Downtown Cleveland on March 17, 2013

More information will be coming out on this when it  
is available.

Please check your email often and visit our website  
for the most current up to date calendar of events

[www.iobgdistrict7.com](http://www.iobgdistrict7.com)

### March 21, 2013 Blue Blazer Social

We will be inviting current Commodores and Vice- Commodores to our Blue Blazer Social to be held on March 21, 2013

This is an introduction for Commodores to preview Blue Gavel