

# IOBG District 7 Northcoast Chatter—March 2015

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# **President Warren Dempster**

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. District 7 has been very busy preparing for what we hope will be an exciting March that will kick off the 2015 season. We will begin with an executive board meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> at Inter City Y.C. The following morning we will travel to Cleveland Yachting Club for our District brunch. Please see the attached flyer for details. On March 17<sup>th</sup>, District 7 will be marching in the Cleveland St. Patrick's Day



Parade for the third year in a row. All members are invited to participate and we will have a hospitality room at the Hyatt Regency in the Arcade both before and following the parade. We welcome Districts 9 and 25 again to march with us. A flyer is also attached with all the information. Last year the parade took us about 35 minutes to complete. If you are unable to march, you are still welcome to participate in the hospitality room. We have a \$20 parade donation fee that covers both the march and the hospitality room. Next we have our annual Blue Blazer on March 26<sup>th</sup> for all the 2015 Commodores and the immediate Past Commodores to introduce them to the IOBG. Invitations will be going out soon. The following day we travel to Perrysburg for the Spring I-LYA meeting. If you have never attended this event, it is where the details for the upcoming I-LYA regattas are finalized and presented. It is a fun weekend to see old friends and make new ones. Next we plan to attend the Nautica Brunch Cruise on April 26<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the IOBGA of District 7. This has always been a popular event and attendance increases each year. We will cover the remaining events for 2015 in the May edition of the chatter.

I would like to thank the District Vice Presidents for all their ongoing hard work. They have been busy keeping up on our member's dues renewals. The last few years District 7 has had the largest membership in the IOBG. Our goal is to continue that again for 2015. If you haven't already renewed your membership, please fill out the dues invoice and return it to the Treasurer. It is the members that makes this organization the success it is worldwide. If your local Blue Gavel chapter has an event or a fundraiser you would like publicized, or just a notice you would like to pass on, please let us know and we can include it in our next edition of the chatter which will come out in May. Speaking of the chatter, a big thank you goes out to Pat McIlwee, our chatter editor, for both preparing and getting each issue out to our members.

I would like to thank our webmaster, John Wierzchowski for continually updating our website with all the upcoming events and important information that we need to get out to our membership. You can log on to <a href="www.iobgdistrict">www.iobgdistrict</a> 7 for that information. Also, I would like to thank the rest of our District Executive board and the Auxiliary board for all their help and hard work. We will be conducting an audit of our financial books for the 2014 year soon. We are currently compiling a list of potential auditors, and if any of our members can recommend a qualified auditor, please let me know and we can add them to our list. Please be assured that the executive board will continue to have the best interest of our membership in our decision making for the 2015 season and our district's future.

I hope to see many members at our upcoming events and if you have an idea or a suggestion for the district, please pass it on to one of our board members. Thank you and have a safe spring.

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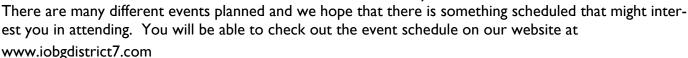
# Special points of interest:

- March 7, E-Board
   Meeting
- March 8—Sunday
   Brunch at CYC
- March 17—St. Patricks
   Day Parade
- March 26—Blue Blazer Social
- March 27—ILYA Spring Meeting
- April 26—Nautica
   Queen Brunch

#### **President Elect Rich McKee**

We are finally getting ready to leave the winter months behind and our thoughts are already ahead to Spring. We are definitely thinking ahead to warmer weather and what we need to do in order to get our boats ready for launch as quickly as possible so we can start a new boating season.

While making plans for this upcoming boating season, please keep in mind all of the events that District 7 has scheduled for the 2015 year.



If your club has any events planned for this year, please let us know so we can promote the event to all of our members.

Also, please support our Ladies Auxiliary - one way of supporting is to attend the Nautica Cruise that is scheduled for April. This is a wonderful event and I can attest to the fact that you will have a great time on this cruise. Please contact Mary Romano if you are interested as this cruise fills up quickly.

My goal is to support IOBG District 7 and Warren in assuring a successful year for this organization. I have worked with Warren before and know that we will be able to work together with the rest of the Officers to assure a successful, well planned and well organized year with many events planned that we hope will be well attended.

See you out on the lake!

# First Vice President Cliff Gabriel

It won't be long now! We can now count the days when our boats are back in the water and we can enjoy a season full of good times!

As 1st Vice President, I will be looking forward to working with the District 7 Vice Presidents in helping them develop strong Blue Gavel Chapters at their assigned Yacht Clubs.

This will be my fifth year of involvement on the District 7 Bridge of I.O.B.G and I look forward to a fun filled adventure of activities. I encourage you to plan on attending one or more of our great events which are listed in this Chatter. I guarantee you will have a good time.





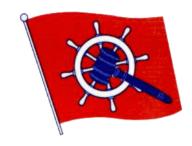
#### **District Director Gene McKeown**

On Tuesday evening, February 10<sup>th</sup>, I attended the monthly GCBA membership meeting held at Western Reserve Yacht Club. At the meeting, John Popovich, IOBG member from South Shore Cruising Club and Political Action representative for GCBA, reported on two important issue that affect all boaters as well as all residence of northern Ohio.

First, Boat US has sent an email concerning the expansion of E-15 and the Renewable Fuel Act of 2015. You can find a form at Boat US that can be emailed to your House Representative. E-15 burns hotter and can damage rubber hoses and plastic parts on your boat.

Second, Senate Bill I is being fast tracked in the Ohio Senate. It deals with toxic algae and safe drinking water. You can read more about it by going to <a href="https://www.ohiosenate.gov">www.ohiosenate.gov</a> and click on Latest News then on Majority Caucus and scroll down till you see toxic algae.

On a lighter note go to <a href="www.youtube.com">www.youtube.com</a> and then type in Put-in-Bay, Ohio Winter, on the You Tube search bar.







# Northwest V.P. Debbie Light, APYC dlightful759@sbcglobal.net 216-973-1076 All Ports Yacht Club Catawba West Harbor Yacht Club Dock of the Bay Yacht Club Commodores Cruising Club Middle Bass Island Yacht Club Point Yacht Club Sandusky Yacht Club South Shore Cruising Club Harbor Bay Yacht Club

# Northwest VP Debbie Light

Greetings Everyone! I hope the New Year finds everybody well and surviving the winter months! Soon it will be time to prepare for launch. The clubs within my region, please send me your 2015 "Schedule of Events" so we can get them posted on the district's website. This will enable everyone the opportunity to attend your functions. I also encourage you to attend our District 7 events and meetings which you can find on our website.

Please keep up with the Chatter, there are many opportunities to get to know other IOBG members and create new memories. As a closing reminder to pay your dues to keep District 7 on target.



V.P. Lloyd Bogue AYC

Grand River Yacht Club Mentor Harbor Yachting Club Mentor Lagoons Yacht Club The Captains Yacht Club Rivers Edge Yacht Club Western Reserve Yacht Club Ashtabula Yacht Club Fairport Harbor Yacht Club Zem Zem Sailors Club

# Northeast VP Lloyd Bogue

Boy, I am sure sick of winter!! It's only 77 days to launch, it can't come soon enough!! Hopefully everyone has mailed in their dues for this year since our deadline has come and gone. If not, I will be contacting you to ask you to renew your membership. Well the IOBG is getting ready for a very busy time. Starting in March with E-board meeting on March 7th then a fun event in downtown Cleveland celebrating the Irish heritage with the St. Patty's Day parade. Come join us for a small fee of \$20, which goes to the parade committee to help defray some of the costs associated with putting on the parade.

As the month continues we will also be putting on our Blue Blazer event again this year on March 26. This is to introduce the immediate Past Commodore of your club and the current commodore to the IOBG. This is a fantastic evening for you and your significant other. As March winds down you will find us at the I-LYA spring meeting in Perrysburg Ohio Wow we are Busy!

April will find us on the Nautica Queen with the IOBGA on the 26th, our first boat ride of 2015! This is wonderful event. For \$33 you get to eat a huge brunch while enjoying Lake Erie. Space is limited so call and make your reservations now.

May & June are busy too, as we all prepare our boats for the summer season. Don't forget to attend the Memorial Day Services aboard the USS Cod with the GCBA. This is very powerful event where we honor our departed club members and our fallen war heroes. June brings us to another fun event at the GCBA summer rendezvous at the Huron boat basin. As we support their activity with an afternoon cocktail party.

You make the difference so come join us!



V.P. Pat White, CLYC

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

# **Cleveland East VP Pat White**

Let me take a moment and introduce myself to those who do not know me. My name is Pat White and I am a member and Past Commodore from Chagrin Lagoons Yacht. I have been a member for 18 years. I invite you to visit my home club as we have many exciting changes happening this year. We are putting a pool and it will be ready for summer fun. I am very excited about this project as it's been a desire of mine for many years.

Please check the Blue Gavel website to see all the upcoming events. If I can help you with anything, please feel free to contact me at 440-256-9714 or email me at ronpat-dale@roadrunner.com



# President IOBGA Auxiliary - Mary Romano

I am writing this article on Groundhog Day – "Buckeye Chuck" did **not** see his shadow, so according to the legend we should have an early Spring! I certainly hope he is right!

The Boat Show is over and we, like everyone else, are busy planning our cruises for this summer. We have three scheduled so far and hope our beautiful Lake Erie will cooperate and let us squeeze in a few more.

Our "District 7Auxiliary" has been very busy as usual. December 12, 2014 we hosted a Holiday Dinner gathering at "Danny Boys Restaurant" in Chesterland. We enjoyed a good meal with great friends and everyone left with Holiday Greetings and a "Santa Bag" of candy.

The month of March will be busy for all our "Blue Gavel" Members. March 8<sup>th</sup> is a Sunday Brunch at Cleveland Yachting Club; March 17<sup>th</sup> the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Cleveland; March 26<sup>th</sup> the Annual "Blue Blazer Social" at Bratenahl; March 27-29th the I-LYA Spring Meeting at Perrysburg Holiday Inn. Thank You to President Warren Dempster and his Bridge for planning these activities.

April 26<sup>th</sup> will be the date for our **Fourth** annual "Nautica Cruise". Our members look forward to this event, a two hour cruise on Lake Erie and a great buffet! The best part is getting to see boating friends again after a long cold winter. Call Marianne Dempster and get your reservations in soon, we are filling up fast!

This year we are **very** excited to be hosting another spectacular fundraiser. On May 17<sup>th</sup> we are having a Fashion Show featuring designer clothes by "*Chico's*". Some of our Auxiliary members will be the models and we will enjoy a Ladies Lunch served by several of our handsome IOBG Members. The event will be held at "Beaver Park Yacht Club" in Lorain. Please check the attached flier for all the details. A Huge "Thank You" to my Bridge and Committee Members for all your support!

HINT: This would be a Great Mother's Day Gift!!



# **Secretary Dominique Sorbo**

# **Treasurer Dave Zmek**







# Ohio River Watershed VP—Pat Waitkus

Good Day all! I expect we are all surviving the Big Chill by Planning our next boating season! I know we are at Lakefront Yacht Club. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Capt. Steve Banashak, our new Commodore. Smooth sailing to the Commodore, Lady Joanie, and the new Bridge. Steve has asked me to pass on his personal invitation to all of you below:

"Please join us for our 2ND annual Lakefront "Night at the Races" 05.23.15. A fun filled evening with a Post time dinner at 5:00 PM. We will have horse race betting and a chance to break out from the winter blues with boating friends in Port Clinton. We encourage the purchasing of a horse at \$5.00 each and cheer it to a victory. There is no cover charge for this event, but we will need advanced registration by calling Lakefront Marina at 419-734-5576. Please come by, see what our club and facilities have to offer and join in the fun. Please visit us at www.lakefrontyachtclub.com We hope to see you on May 23!"

Commodore Steve Banashak

Safe Passage!





#### **Cleveland Central VP Tim Yearick**

It was just a couple months ago I was thinking the Holidays are right around the corner and now spring outfitting is right around the corner. I hope everyone had a happy and healthy Holiday Season. This spring looks to be a busy one in District 7 starting with a brunch at Cleveland Yachting Club on March  $8^{\text{th}}$ , St Pat's Parade on the  $17^{\text{th}}$ , and the Blue Blazer Social on the  $26^{\text{th}}$ . Be sure to look at the District 7 website for a complete listing of the events schedule for this spring.

Hope to see you all at these fun events and don't forget to get your payment in if you haven't done so already.

P/C Tim Yearick
yearick@att.net
216-509-7948
Edgewater Yacht Club
Edgewater Marina Boat Club
Northeast Yacht Club
Wildwood Yacht Club
Inter —City Yacht Club
Lakeside Yacht Club
Forest City Yacht Club
Cleveland Yachting Club



# 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

# Cleveland West VP Bill Blakeslee Jr

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



# 2015 IOBG Dues Notice

Dues are due and payable 01/01/2015

IOBG Dues \$68.00 IOBGA Dues \$10.00 Total \$ 78.00

Optional Humanitarian Fund Donation available

Mail to
IOBG District 7 Treasurer
P/C Dave Zmek
18705 Mt Pleasant Drive
Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023

Please list all of the following for Roster Information:

| Name:                        |
|------------------------------|
| Spouse:                      |
| P/C of which Yacht Club:     |
| Address:                     |
| City:                        |
| State:                       |
| Zip:                         |
| Phone Number:                |
| Email address:               |
| Any changes from prior year: |







# International Order of Blue Gavel District 7 148<sup>th</sup> Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade

When: Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Where: Downtown Cleveland, Ohio Cost: \$20. Per person parade donation

Parade starts at 1:04 pm

We will be gathering at the staging area between East 18<sup>th</sup> street and East 21<sup>st</sup> street on Superior at approximately 12:30 pm.

Dress: Winter uniform-Blue Blazer/Grey slacks/White shirt/Tie

All members of the International Order of the Blue Gavel and Auxiliary are invited to march in the parade.

We will be making a donation to the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee (included in \$20. Cost)

Please join us before and after the parade at the Hyatt Regency at the Arcade in the District 7 hospitality room for corned beef and some fine Irish hospitality.

RSVP: Warren Dempster at wcyc40@yahoo.com or 440-725-7731 prior to 2/14/14









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

Sunday April 26, 2015 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 <a href="marianne.dempster@yahoo.com">marianne.dempster@yahoo.com</a> or 440-289-1216 Seating is limited, please reserve early. Reservations and payment due by March 27, 2015 Please make checks payable to IOBGA District 7 Payment may be sent to: Marianne Dempster- 33545 Lori Ann Dr., Eastlake, Ohio 44095

# 3rd Annual IOBG District 7 Wine Tour



# September 18-20, 2015 The Lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake

#### Come by Car or Boat

Friday, September 18

Self-guided tours

District 7 Hospitality suite open after 7 pm, (if you like, bring a bottle of your favorite wine)

Snacks, beverages and beer available

Saturday, September 19

Arrive at Lodge no later than 11am, tour bus departs at 11:30am

Wine tour info to follow after the first of the year.

Dinner at the Lodge at 5:30pm (or on your own)

District 7 Hospitality suite will open at 7 pm (if you like, bring a bottle of your favorite wine)

Snacks, beverages and beer available

Sunday September 20

Breakfast Buffet at the Lodge. Check out at 11 am

Lodge room rates: Friday—Standard Double \$129.00, Premium King--\$175.00

Saturday—Standard Double \$159.00, Premium King \$199.00

(plus 14.75% bed tax respectively)

A block of 15 rooms has been reserved for IOBG District 7. Mention group ID 4G81HE

Shuttle tour: \$25. for hotel guests, \$30. for non-guests. Shuttle info to follow after first of year.

Reservation due date August 4, 2015

The Lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake reservations 1-800-801-9982

Geneva State Park Marina Dockage 440-466-7565 or e-mail: genevamarina@ncweb.com

\*\*In addition to hotel and shuttle reservations, please confirm that you will be attending this event by e-mailing Warren Dempster at wcyc40@yahoo.com or 440-725-7731.





# **IOBG D7 Calendar**

October 11th- District 7 Change of Watch-Forest City Y.C.

October 16th-19th International Annual meeting and Ball-Beachwood, Ohio

November 7th-9th GCBA Commanders Ball-Beachwood, Ohio

November 15th E-Board meeting at Northeast Y.C.

December 5th-7th I-LYA Fall meeting (Districts 7,9 & 25 pizza on Friday night)-Westlake, Ohio

February 5th-8th IOBG Regional meeting (D-15) in San Diego, California

February 20th-22nd AYC Commodore's Ball-Perrysburg, Ohio

March 7th E-Board meeting@ TBD

March 8th Brunch Cleveland Yacht Club

March 17th St. Patrick's Parade in Cleveland

March 26th Blue Blazer @ Bratenahl Place

March 27th-28th I-LYA Spring meeting-Perrysburg, Ohio

April 26th IOBGA Nautica brunch cruise

May 14th E-Board Meeting @ Huron Y.C.

May 17th IOBGA Fashion Show at Beaver Park Yacht Club

May 25th Memorial Day Ceremony at the USS COD

June 19th-21st GCBA Rendezvous-Huron, Ohio

August 8th I-LYA power regatta-August 8th-IOBG Cocktail party at PIBYC

September 10th E-Board meeting

September 18th-20th Annual Wine Tour-Geneva, Ohio

October 10th D-7 Change of watch



# District 7 I.O.B.G. Brunch Cleveland Yachting Club

March 8, 2015 - 11:00 am

Please join District 7 of the I.O.B.G. for a brunch at the Cleveland Yachting Club Cost-\$31.10 per person-Service charge and tax included

- Cash bar available
- Limited seating available

Please RSVP with payment by February 27, 2015 to:
Warren Dempster, 33545 Lori Ann Dr., Eastlake, Oh. 44095
e-mail- wcyc40@yahoo.com or phone-440-725-773 I
The Cleveland Yachting Club is located at:
200 Yacht Club Dr., Rocky River Oh. 44116

Dress for District 7 Board members is blues/greys, casual yacht club dress for all others.

This will kick off a very busy month of March for District 7

and the beginning of what we hope to be an exciting and safe boating season.

The Board of District 7 thanks you for your support.



#### IOBGA District 7 Fashion Show

May 17, 2015 12p-2:30p
Beaver Park Yacht Club
5980 West Erie Avenue
Lorain, OH 44053
A portion of the proceeds will go to support:
Operation Open Heart, Inc.

# chico's

Fashions by Crocker Park:

\$22.00 per person

Chairperson: Hildegard Gebhardt President: Mary Romano

Price includes lunch (Chicken Sandwich, Fresh Fruit Salad. Dessert, Iced Tea & Lemonade) .

Cash Bar Available

Bonus shopping Day at Chico's Crocker Park: May 23, 2015, 10% Discount Entire In-Store Purchase

Reservations and payment due by May 2, 2015 to: (216) 870-0529 marysueromano@gmail.com

Check payable to: IOBGA District 7
c/o Mary Romano
1572 Pekin Road
Newbury, OH 44065
Please include e-mail for confirmation

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