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President Rich McKee

Happy 2016! We are finally heading towards a new boating season! We are in “full planning mode” for our 2016 Calendar of Events. We have several events scheduled for March and we would like to invite you to attend. Flyers are located on our IOBG District 7 Website at iobgdistrict7.com. Please do not hesitate to contact your Vice President, our Executive Board or myself if you have any questions or concerns to discuss.

March 17th – St. Patrick’s Day Parade

March 20th – Sunday Brunch at Sandusky Yacht Club

March 24th – Blue Blazer Social

Invitations will be going out shortly to all recent Past Commodores and current Commodores for all of our affiliated clubs for the Blue Blazer Social. I would like to thank Northeast Yacht Club for allowing us to utilize their clubhouse for this event. We hope to welcome some new members into IOBG District 7.

The IOBG Auxiliary is hosting their annual Brunch on the Nautica Queen on April 24, 2016. For those of you that have not attended before, this is a wonderful event and is the first boat ride of the year for many of the attendees.

The IOBG Executive Board has been working hard to put together a full calendar with a variety of events to attend. I would like to thank our Board and Vice Presidents for all of their hard work and dedication. I hope you will be able to attend at least one of the events scheduled.

If you have not paid your IOBG Membership Dues yet for 2016, please contact our Treasurer John Sukis at 440-570-4921. Please consider being a part of IOBG District 7!!!!

I am looking forward to a new boating season and praying for some good weather for the summer. Here’s hoping to see you out on the Lake!!!!



Think Spring!!!!

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Upcoming Events

- **March 5—E-board Meeting**
- **March 17—St. Patrick’s Day parade**
- **March 20—Brunch at SYC**
- **March 24—Blue Blazer at NEYC**
- **April 1-3—ILYA Spring meeting**
- **April 24—Nautica Queen Brunch**

President Elect Debbie Light

As I am writing this article, I see it is starting to snow again! Well in my area I certainly can't complain about the snowfall this year. I would like to thank Commodore Steve Hyder and Lady Pam for a great year and a wonderful ball. Everyone I talked who was in attendance couldn't stop commenting how fun it was.

I would like you to know that I am happy to be President Elect for District 7 and looking forward to the months and year ahead. Please take the time to review the events that we have planned and make every attempt to attend

I wish you a great March. Happy St. Patrick's day!



First Vice President Lloyd Bogue

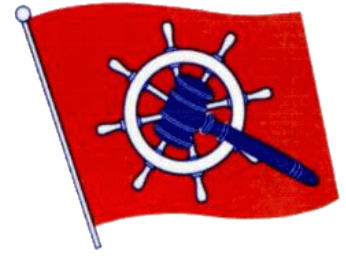
Our mild winter is a sure blessing and makes you think that summer is just around the corner. We are only 70 days to launch at our club, and yes this will be here before we know it! In the mean time we have a lot of great events planned for the months of March and April. The wearing of the green will start us off on March 17th in downtown Cleveland. This is a fantastic event that celebrates the Irish heritage of our area, and you don't have to be an Irishman to join in on the fun. But yes, it is a party at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the Arcade. We will be marching in the parade and gathering around 12:30 pm in the staging area on Superior Ave. There is a slight cost of \$20pp which goes to the parade committee for putting on the event. Unfortunately nothing is free, not even marching in a parade! Our hospitality room will provide a little Irish hospitality along with corned beef sandwiches. If you have never heard the Fife & Drum Corp. from Cleveland Fire department now is your chance, you won't be disappointed. What a show they put on!

On March 20th we are going to go to wonderful Sandusky Yacht for a District 7 brunch. The cost is \$27pp. Please contact President McKee if you plan on attending so we can give them a count ahead of time. Hopefully all of the VP's have turned in the information on their club's commodores and immediate past commodore so those names can be included in the guest list for our annual Blue Blazer. This year's Blue Blazer takes us to a new venue, Northeast Yacht Club just off Lakeshore Blvd. This has been an effective membership tool for us in the past and we hope it will continue.

Speaking of membership, I would like to remind all of our members that dues are now past due, so if you have not sent your check, please do so a.s.a.p.

I would also like to invite you to the IOBGA spring time event, the brunch cruise on the Nautica Queen. This year's event will be on Sunday April 24 from 1-3:30 pm with the boarding time at 12 noon. The cost is the same as in the past at \$33 pp. Please contact Marianne Dempster to make your reservation by April 3. Marianne.dempster@yahoo.com or by phone @ 440-289-1216

District Director Warren Dempster



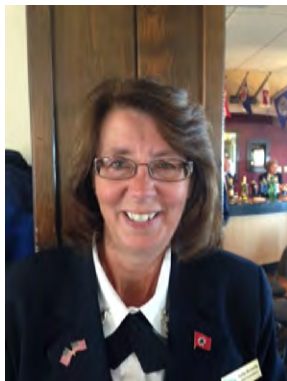
I hope the holidays were safe and enjoyable for all of our members and their families. March kicks off a very busy season for District 7. Our board, headed by President Rich Mckee has been very busy planning the District's events for 2016. Please read the enclosed flyers for all details regarding our events and we encourage all members to attend as many as possible.

Our dues renewals are putting District 7 on track to once again have the largest membership in the IOBG. Please remember that as of January 1, 2016, your membership in the IOBG has expired if you have not renewed your 2016 dues. Also, please remember that to be an officer in your club's IOBG chapter, you must be a current member of the IOBG. I would like to welcome the many new members to District 7 of the IOBG that have joined since our Change of Watch in 2015. Our annual Blue Blazer will be held on March 24th this year at Northeast Yacht Club. Please encourage your club's current Commodore and immediate Past Commodore to attend, as this event is where they are introduced to the IOBG and will have all their questions addressed. Invitations will be going out shortly.



District 7 is extremely proud to be well represented on the International Board. We have begun planning the Annual Meeting and Ball for First Vice President Tony Durieux and Lady Sandi which will be held in Cleveland in October 2017. We are also represented by the immediate Past President Joel Kay, and North Central Vice President Mark Vadaj who oversees Districts 7, 9, 23 and 25. On the Auxiliary International Board, we are represented by President Sandi Durieux, Second Vice President Robin Vadaj, Secretary Nancy Kay and North Central Director, Rhonda Rich.

If any member of District 7 has a question or concern for the board, please do not hesitate to contact any board member. Your membership is greatly valued and respected. Also, remember that District 7 supports both the I-LYA and GCBA. We hope to see our members at their events also this summer. Please have a safe spring.



**V.P. Kathryn McCarthy—
REYC**

*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 Kathryn McCarthy

Hello to all our IOBG – District 7 Members,
I hope you all are surviving the cold winter weather we've been having. We got fooled in December with some milder temperatures, but we knew winter had to show up sometime. We just have to get through the next two months. It will then be time to start uncovering and cleaning our boats and get back to what we all love to do..... Boating! The Fleet Captain of my home club keeps a countdown of the days till spring launch and he tells me there are approximately 75 days till lift in! I know it's a tough life, but I personally will be passing some of that time accompanying my husband on a Caribbean Cruise to St.

Thomas and St. Martin and enjoying some WARM weather!

In April I am looking forward to the IOBG – District 7 Brunch Cruise on the Nautica. (April 24th). I have invited members of my club to go and so far have about thirty people going. If you have never gone on this outing, I encourage all of you to try it. It's a great way to kick off the boating season, the food is great, and it's a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon with friends. Gather a group from your home club and contact Marianne Dempster to RSVP at 440-289-1216.

Lastly, I'd like to thank all of you who have supported the IOBG – District 7 with payment of your 2016 membership dues. I've enjoyed talking to some of you either by phone or email and hope to meet you personally this season. If you have not paid your dues yet, we would greatly appreciate it if you could do so as soon as possible. We want to keep District 7 one of the largest chapters in the International.

Keep Warm and Keep Counting Down those Days!



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

East Wow, Are We Ready For Spring, I Know Ron And I Are. Hoping For A Great Year, And A Safe Boating Season, Looking Forward To A Lot Of Events For 2016, A Great Year Has Been Planned. I Hope, By This Time All The Dues For 2016 Should Be Paid Up, This Helps District 7 Stay Strong, If I Can Help Anyone Please Give Me A Call Or E-mail,

Thanks V/C Pat White



President IOBGA Auxiliary – Mary Romano



Secretary Dominique Sorbo



Treasurer—John Sukis

I have invoiced all members for their 2016 dues. Invoicing and payment of dues has been good. Members that have not received an invoice for their 2016 dues should email me at john@sukiscpa.com as I have experienced a number of invoices returned for incorrect email addresses. Invoicing is done thru email in order save the cost of postage. Your dues are payable to IOBG District 7 and mailed to John P Sukis, Treasurer 27563 Hemlock Drive Westlake, OH 44145. The unpaid dues as of March 2, 2016 are \$5,256.00. This represents 65 members or approximately 27% of the membership.

We ended the year 2014 with 241 members and currently have 242 members. To date we have nine new members, four members have resigned and another four members have left us for calmer waters and fair skies for a net gain of one.

Membership cards are sent directly from the International after receipt of our transmittal of paid dues. If you have paid your dues and have not received your card within six weeks of your payment please contact me.

The winter is fleeting and spring is upon us and with that I hope everyone can direct their attention to preparing the boat and for a summer full of comradery and happy voyages.

Northwest VP Lewie Kuhn

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*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*

Let me take a moment to introduce myself. I am Lewie Kuhn, I am a member and P/C from 2013 of the Vermilion Boat Club. I am new to this position in Blue Gavel and trying to feel my way through it.

I look forward to visiting all the clubs I am representing this summer.

If your club has any special events and would like to get the word out, send me the information and I can get it on the web site. Speaking of web sites remember to visit the Blue Gavel Web site, it has all the upcoming events we have planned for 2016 and a lot of good information on the IOBG. If I can be of any help or if you have any questions please feel free to contact me. I may not know the answers to your questions but I can find out.

In closing I want to invite everyone to visit the Vermilion Boat Club this summer if you're in the area.

Please remember to send in your dues if you haven't done so already. Contact info kuhnfabinc@aol.com

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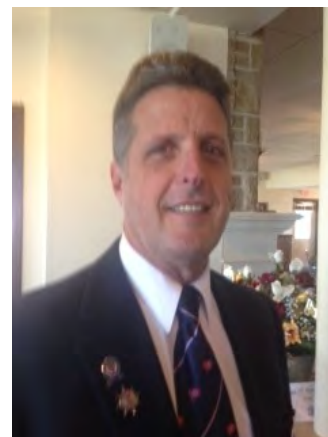
Cleveland Central VP Tim Yearick

P/C Tim Yearick

yearick@att.net

216-509-7948

*Edgewater Yacht Club
East Light 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*



Ohio River Waters VP—Pat Waitkus



Cleveland West VP Bill Blakeslee Jr

Pennsylvania VP Charles Miller



V.P Charles Miller
ncms@neohio.twcabc.com
814-833-9098

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

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



2016 IOBG Dues Notice

IOBG Dues \$68.00 \$ _____

IOBGA Dues \$10.00 \$ _____

Humanitarian Fund Donation (Optional) \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Mail to:

IOBG D7 Treasurer

John Sukis

27563 Hemlock Drive

Westlake, OH 44145

Please list all of the following for Roster Information:

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

P/C of which Yacht Club: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

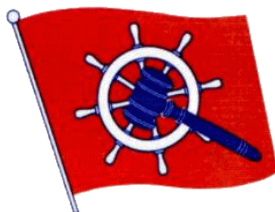
State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Spouse email address: _____





IOBG – DISTRICT 7 BRUNCH

Sunday, March 20, 2016

Lunch: 11:30 A.M.

Sandusky Yacht Club
529 E. Water Street
Sandusky OH 44870

Cost: \$ 27.00 per person

Includes tax/gratuity

Payment can be made the day of the Brunch

**Please RSVP to Rich McKee by 03/13/16 at bethelou2@aol.com
or 440-731-8060**



International Order of Blue Gavel District 7

149th Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade

When: Thursday March 17th, 2016

Where: Downtown Cleveland, Ohio

Cost: \$20. Per person parade donation

Parade starts at 1:04 pm

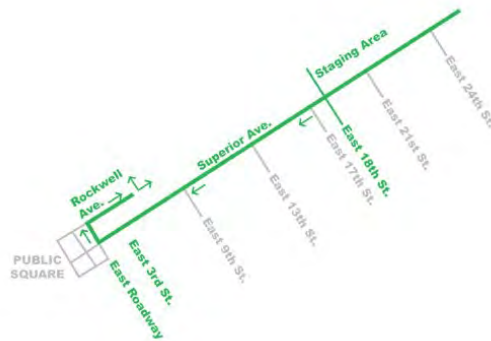
We will be gathering at the staging area between East 18th street and East 21st street on Superior at approximately 12:30 pm.

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: Rich McKee at bethelou2@aol.com or 216-509-2862 **prior to 2/17/16**





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

Sunday April 24, 2016 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 or 440-289-1216

Seating is limited, please reserve early. Reservations and payment due by April 3, 2016

Please make checks payable to IOBGA District 7

Payment may be sent to: Marianne Dempster- 33545 Lori Ann Dr., Eastlake, Ohio 44095

Thank you!

4th Annual IOBG District 7 Wine Tour



September 16-18, 2016

The Lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake

Come by Car or Boat

Friday, September 16

- 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 17

- Arrive at Lodge no later than 11am, tour bus departs at 11:30am
- Everyone will need to make their own 11:30 shuttle reservations.
- Dinner at the Lodge at 6 pm (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 18

- Breakfast Buffet at the Lodge. Check out at 11 am

Lodge room rates: Premium Double - \$175.00, Premium King--\$195.00
(plus 14.75% bed tax respectively)
A block of 15 rooms has been reserved for IOBG District 7
Mention group ID 4G93HX

Shuttle tour: \$25. for hotel guests, \$30. for non-guests.

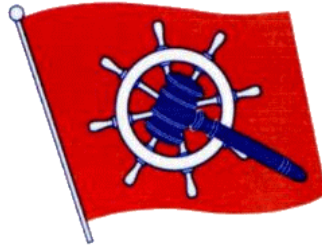
Please reserve the 11:30 shuttle

Winery stops include: Kosicek, South River, Grand River and Spring Hill

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 Rich McKee at bethelou2@aol.com or 440-731-8060.



IOBG D7 Calendar

October 10th	District 7 Change of Watch - Forest City Yacht Club
October 22nd - 25th	International Annual Meeting and Ball - Marathon, FL
November 7th	E-Board Meeting @ Huron Yacht Club @ 10:00 a.m.
November 13th- 15th	GCBA Commanders Ball - Independence, OH
December 4th- 6th	I-LYA Fall Meeting (District 7, 9 & 25 Pizza on Friday Night) - Perrysburg, OH
February 19th- 21st	AYC Commodore's Ball - Perrysburg, OH
March 5th	E-Board Meeting @ Inter-City Yacht Club
March 17th	St. Patrick's Parade in Cleveland
March 20th	Brunch at Sandusky Yacht Club
March 24th	Blue Blazer @ North East Yacht Club (tentative)
April 1st -3rd	I-LYA Spring Meeting - Perrysburg, OH
April 24th	IOBGA Nautica Brunch Cruise
May 12th	E-Board Meeting @
May 30th	Memorial Day Ceremony at the USS COD
June 24th-26th	GCBA Rendezvous – Huron Boat Basin
June 25th	District 7 Cocktail Party - GCBA Rendezvous
August 10th-14th	I-LYA Power Regatta
August 13th	IOBG Cocktail Party @PIBYC, Districts 7, 9, & 25
September 8th	E-Board Meeting @
September 16th-18th	Annual Wine Tour - Geneva, Ohio
October 8th	D-7 Change of Watch

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