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**Boating Season
Is Almost Here!**

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Upcoming Events

IOBG Blue Blazer—March 12
Northeast Yacht aClub

I-LYA Spring Meeting—March 31-
April 2—Westlake Double Tree

IOBGA Nautica Cruise—April 23

GCBA Cod Ceremony—May 29

GCBA Summer Rendezvous—
Huron Boat Basin—June 16-18

GCBA Joe Chase Fund Raiser
North Coast Harbor—July 21-22

I-LYA Power Boat Regatta—Put-n-
Bay, July 26-30



The current Executive Board had our first meeting at VBC in Vermillion, thanks to **Lewie and Shari Kuhn** for their hospitality for bringing the breakfast snacks. Also, a big thanks to the staff at VBC for their service during the meeting. Blue Gavel members can go to the IOBG'S website @ www.iobg.org, and go to District 7 link to read the minutes of the meeting. This is also a way to see who your area VP is, look at the schedule for IOBG's events, and to send your clubs upcoming events.

The IOBG's District 7 **Blue Blazer** event will tank place on **March 12, 2023, at Northeast Yacht Club**. Invites have been mailed out to the class of 2022. This event is to welcome Past Commodores who are now eligible to join the Blue Gavel and also for current 2023 Commodores to come and see what the IOBG is all about.

The International Order of the Blue Gavel is a prestigious organization of Past Commodores, with that card in hand you, will be welcomed into any Yacht Club in the world, it's like having a membership to some of the nicest clubs around and a great way to meet new friends. Past Commodores can only be sworn into the Blue Gavel after filling out and sending in the application along with payment to the District's Treasurer. If a Past Commodore is not able to attend this event, you can contact myself or your area VP or District Directors to arrange to be sworn into the IOBG.

March is just around the corner!!! Many of us will start to think of the years events that you may like to attend, such as the **IOBG'S Cocktail Party** at Hurons Boat Basin on June 17 @ 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. it's a short drive and a time to see old friends and welcome new members. The **IOBGA'S Nautica Cruise** on April 23 @ 1:00 p.m. or **The GCBA's U.S.S. Cod's Memorial Service** on May 29 @ 10:00 a.m. meet at Burke Airport. Again, look at the website for flyers!

Lastly, we would like to welcome P/C Kristina Truthan from APYC as our new Webmaster!

I would like to wish all members to have an exciting and safe boating season!!!

**President Elect -
Lewis Kuhn
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The weather is starting to warm up, the lake has not been frozen much this year (knock on wood) and only 2 more months till boats start going in the water. Spring will be here before we know it.

I hope everyone is having a nice winter. We can't complain about the snow this year, we have hardly had any. A few reminders for anyone looking to get involved in Blue Gavel, we are looking for a Supply Officer and a Secretary, if anyone is interested in getting involved let us know. It is only 4 meetings a year and some special events. You will end up having a fun time and meeting new people from all over the area.

We have the Nautica Cruise coming up April 23rd, make your reservations now, it sells out fast. We have the whole boat reserved, so feel free to invite guests with you. See the flier in this issue of the Chatter for more information.

Don't forget to pay your dues for this year. We need every member we can get to stay the largest district. I hear Florida is really pushing hard to knock us out of the top spot. Also if your local chapter has any news articles or event fliers you would like to get in the Chatter please send them to your area VP or send them to me and I will see they get put in the next edition.

Make sure you check out the calendar of events for the upcoming spring events. Think spring, it will be here sooner than we think.



**First Vice President -
Ronn Murphy
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Ahoy,

Greeting from the Officer's of District 7. The northeast is cold and overcast most days, far from the sunny days of summer at Put-in-Bay regatta. I would like to say, "Hello" to all the yacht clubs in District 7 along the shores of Lake Erie, come out and have fun. I changed my position in the IOBG to FirstVP this current year. I will be getting in contact with each of the VP's to forward details of the fun and information going on in the District 7, which is the largest in the world, thank you for being a member.

In March is the Blue Blazer event at Northeast Yacht Club to obligate new member including drinks and food and April 23rd is the Nautical Queen Bunch Event, cruise on Lake Erie with the officers in a sold out ship. <AMAZING >

I personally would like to say, thank you to Chris Aune, President-District 7 and his leadership for year 2023, and Gina Aune, Auxiliary President for all her contributions to making the season phenomenal.

I'm also the Hospitality Chairman for Blue Gavel sponsored events, my hand shake is always there to say, "Hello".

The details are out about the **winery** trip in September, not to be missed.

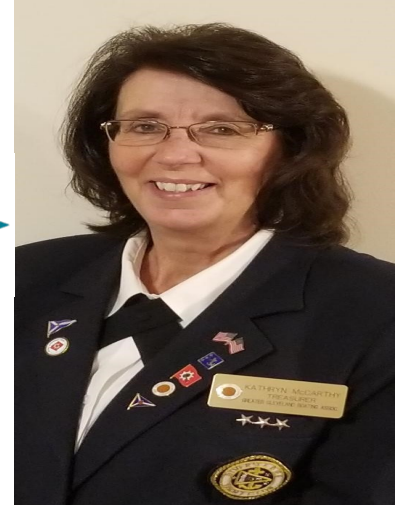
Blue Gavel Commodores please ask a fellow commodore to join IOBG-District 7 and spread the word.

Pay your Dues, because it's a new year.

Remember we are linked to (3) three other awesome associations in the area, GCBA, I-LYA and AYC, which all enjoy the water and boating to the fullest.

Please share your ideas with me to improve the AWESOME FUN.

Treasurer—Kathryn McCarthy
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In 2022, District 7 was awarded the “District Achievement” award for being the District in the International with the largest membership, highest retention, and most new members. It is with the support of all of you that we were able to achieve that goal.

So far in 2023, I think we are headed in the same direction. I am very pleased with the number of members who have already submitted their 2023 dues. If you have not done so yet, please continue to support District 7 with the payment of your dues. District 7 encompasses clubs from Erie to Sandusky and is bigger in membership than District 8 which is the entire state of Florida. You have all served your clubs as Commodores and deserve to be a member of the most prestige fraternity in boating.

I am pleased to say that we have also welcomed in twelve new members so far this year. Please give an IOBG welcome to the following:

Larry Davison – West Channel Yacht Club
 Jon Drieling – Catawba West Harbor Yacht Club
 Bruce Edwards – Fairport Harbor Yacht Club
 William Salchak – Presque Isle Yacht Club
 Glenna Plotts – Bay Point Yacht Club
 Anthony Cebull – All Ports Yacht Club
 Dennis Mintus – Sea Rayngers Boat Club
 Don Simonitos – Chagrin River Yacht Club
 Michael Zofchak – Harbor Bay Yacht Club
 Fred Leimieux – Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club – transferring
 Michael J. Zeal – Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club
 Dru Meredith – Sandusky Yacht Club

As always, I ask that if you know of any past commodores from your prospective clubs that have not already joined our organization, kindly encourage them to join. Information can be found on our web-site (www.iobg-d7.com) or by contacting me (kmccarthy725@yahoo.com or 216-470-2857).

As we begin to start our 2023 season, IOBG-D7 has been busy planning our events for the year. All our affiliated boating organizations have also. Flyers are attached for most of them. Nautica Queen outing, Wine Tour, GCBA Rendezvous, I-LYA Spring Meeting, I-LYA Power Boat Regatta, etc. I hope to see you at many of these events. Feel free to come introduce yourself. I like putting faces to the many names I see.

Treasurer—Kathryn McCarthy—continued:

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IMPORTANT

Every member of IOBG has served their respective club as Commodore, and with that comes a level of responsibility to the future officers of our clubs. You all possessed the knowledge, experience and leadership necessary to be Commodore, and can now help advise the future leaders so they can continue to carry on the customs and traditions of yachtsmanship today.

We remain strong in numbers so if you know of a past commodore that might be interested in joining our fraternity, please let me know. We would love to have them join District 7



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

Cleveland West VP—Larry Uebbing
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Clubs in the Cleveland West area are starting to come alive with the weather above normal for most of the winter. I for one have the bug already to start working on my boat. Clubs in our area have already started to plan for their upcoming boating season with some fundraisers. Although it's still February it's never too early for your local Blue Gavel chapters to start thinking about what they can do to support Blue Gavel and their club. I am challenging all the chapters in my area to please let me know what you have been doing or upcoming functions you may be having, so we may highlight your club in our newsletter. I know the chapter at the Vermilion Boat club has already scheduled two Blue Gavel events. I really don't want to keep bragging about our club, when I know clubs are doing projects. Please contact me and I will visit your club to let you know what we have been promoting in District 7. If your Club has Past Commodores not members of Blue Gavel yet. Please get them to join. Upcoming in March, we will be hosting our Blue Blazer event to welcome and greet eligible outgoing Commodores. Well enough babbling on, please get involved, you won't be disappointed.

Cleveland Central VP—Thomas “Rock” Adams**216-254-1046****thomasadams162@gmail.com**

Cleveland Yachting Club
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 am still looking forward to visiting all of the IOBG Cleveland Central Clubs.

I want to take a moment to give a shout out to the IOBG Auxiliary and Auxiliary President Gina Aune for hosing the Jingle & Mingle Party 12/10/22. The food was great and I had a good time.

I am looking forward to the next Auxiliary event., The Nautica Queen on 4/23/23.

In the meantime, I hope to make contact with some Past/Present Commodores from Cleveland Central and invite them to the Blue Blazer on 3/12/23.

Stay Safe and God Bless

CLEVELAND EAST VP—ROBERT KOLAR**440-742-0007 ksi97@icloud.com**

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



Hello Members:

Spring is upon us! We are all looking forward to getting our boats back in the water.

The mild winter has caused many of our yacht clubs concerns about the shallowness of the water level. Since the Chagrin River did not freeze to its normal ice thickness, there was no ice scrub of the river. Many of the clubs now have shallow water in their docks and channel openings. Winter weather has been mild the last few years leaving the main channel of the Chagrin River without a major ice scrub out. This is a concern for all the clubs along the Chagrin River to be able to get boats out to the lake. The local dredging company is planning to try to get going earlier than normal with the current mild weather as the 2023 season brings much extra work to be done in order to get all the docks dropped back in.

Commodore Dean Piscitelli of the Chagrin River Yacht Club, has mentioned they are also concerned of the shallow water at their club. He too is hoping to be able to get an early start on the dredging as we all are looking forward to the start of the boating season.

West Channel Yacht Club has postponed their March Meeting due to water pipe damage to the main floor of their club. The club floor is being repaired at this time.

It is with sadness, WCYC Commodore Ron Anzells informs us of the passing of two-time P/C Glenn Linke. A Boat Cruise in his honor will be held on Saturday, June 10. For more information, contact WCYC at 440-942-9655.

Save-the-date for this year's GLOPRA - The Great Lakes Offshore Powerboat Racing Association will hold the Eastlake Willoughby Offshore Grand Prix on the Chagrin River in Eastlake from July 14-16. Visit the event website for more information at www.eastlakeoffshorerace.com.

Anchors away,
Robert T. Kolar
Cleveland East V.P.

Northeast VP—Patrick Setele**440-376-4511 Patrick@blinksigns.com**

*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*

**Happy St. Patrick's Day**

I am sure that all of you are worried about water levels this year. Below are some points of interest:

Lake Erie's water level constantly undergoes natural fluctuation. Daily changes, seasonal cycles, and long-term changes in the level of the lake all occur. The water level at any moment is the result of complex interactions between climate, wind, precipitation, bathymetry (the shape of the lake bottom), and the levels of the upper lakes (Superior, Michigan, and Huron). While the interactions themselves are complicated, the key concepts are very simple.

The Great Lakes are comprised of five of the world's largest lakes, as well as Lake St. Clair, and are connected by a series of rivers. Elevation of the Great Lakes falls from about 600 feet at Lake Superior down to sea level where the St. Lawrence River meets the Atlantic Ocean. The Great Lakes system stretches about 2,000 miles from the west end of Lake Superior to the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Twenty percent of the world's fresh water and 95 percent of the fresh water in the United States is contained in the Great Lakes and their interconnecting rivers. The Great Lakes basin (the land surface that drains into the Great Lakes) is about twice the surface area of the Great Lakes themselves.

A lake of any size is a dynamic system, subject to constant change. Sometimes slightly more water comes in then goes out, or vice versa, and the lake level changes in response. Some of the factors affecting Great Lakes levels are precipitation, evaporation, wind, crustal rebound, dredging, diversions, flood control, and power generation.

Changes in precipitation (rain and snow) are a primary cause of lake level fluctuations. Precipitation anywhere in the Great Lakes basin, whether over water or over land, can end up in the Great Lakes. Sufficient precipitation will raise their levels. However, there is usually a time lag so that increased rainfall or snowfall may not manifest itself as a higher lake level until months later. The following hydrograph (chart of water levels) shows the close relationship between precipitation and lake levels.

Northeast VP—Patrick Setele –continued

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With almost 100,000 square miles of surface area, the Great Lakes lose a significant amount of water to evaporation. If Lake Erie's inputs and outlets were blocked off, evaporation alone would cause its level to drop 36 inches in one year. Evaporation is greatest not when the weather is warmest but when the temperature difference between the water and the air is greatest. Such conditions occur in the fall, when the air has cooled but the water still retains some of the heat gained during the summer. Evaporation continues throughout the winter. Lake Erie, as the shallowest and southernmost lake, is also the warmest and may not always freeze over. If ice cover is insignificant, the open water continues to lose vapor to the dry winter air, dropping water levels.

Precipitation and evaporation together create seasonal cycles in lake levels. Water levels tend to be higher in the spring and summer – a response to winter snowmelt and spring runoff- and lowest in the winter because of summer and fall evaporation.

Changing trends in precipitation and evaporation can have effects that last beyond one season. In the late 1990s, a pattern of mild winters, with less precipitation and reduced ice cover, resulted in a dramatic lowering of Great Lakes levels that lasted into the early 2000s.

While precipitation and evaporation are the most obvious and most significant factors in changing lake levels, other factors include wind, crustal rebound, and, to a much lesser degree, the human activities of dredging, flow diversion, flood control, and power generation.

Strong winds blowing for an extended period (several hours or more) not only create waves but can also produce wind set-up, the tilting of a lake's surface. A few times each year along Lake Erie, storm winds coincide with the lake's southwest-to-northeast orientation. Southwesterly winds blowing along the lake's length can pile water up at one end of the lake (Buffalo), leaving the other end (Toledo) with significantly lower water. The reverse can happen when storms send winds down Lake Erie from the northeast. When the storm winds subside, water at one end of the lake rolls back towards the other end, like a wave created when a tub of water is tilted-a phenomenon known as a *seiche*. In about twelve hours, this rolling wave has traveled to the opposite end of the lake, raising the level at that end from abnormally low to abnormally high. The cycle of sloshing back and forth continues until the lake's surface returns to equilibrium.

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All Ports Yacht Club
Bay Point 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
South Shore Cruising Club



Did you know that our Great Lakes contain 20% of the world's fresh water? Did you know that sea lampreys have been found in the Great Lakes since the 19th century? Did you know that sea lampreys can grow to 20" in length?

During spring and early summer the sea lamprey finds fresh water streams to nest and lay their eggs. After hatching the young spend five years in the mud and sand beds. During that time they change from having a head that filters the water for nutrients to a head that can suction and feed on our lake fish for a year or more. The females then work their way back to the small streams to mate and lay more eggs. After mating the male lampreys die leaving the females to travel back to the open waters, only to come back another year to repeat the cycle.

Sea Lampreys were first seen in Lake Ontario as early as 1835. Lake Erie saw its first one in 1921 in part thanks to Niagara Falls and the Welland Canal. By 1939 the sea lamprey had reached Lake Superior. Being brought in from the ocean salt water they adapted very well in our fresh water lakes. Within those 18 years, the fishing industry in the Great lakes was devastated by the unyielding lamprey eel. Even though they began in ocean salt water they found they could adapt very well in our fresh water.

During the 1950's both the United States and Canada teamed up to rid the lakes of the young sea lampreys. They are still found in our Great Lakes and work is still being done to keep the population low. If you are fishing and do catch a sea lamprey attached to a fish, do not throw it back in the water. Dispose of it properly. We all must do our part to protect our Great Lakes water from being infested with sea lamprey eels again.

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Commodore Perry Yacht Club
Erie Yacht Club
Presque Isle Yacht Club
Sea Rangers Boat Club
Syria Shrine Mariner
Zem Zem Sailors Yacht Club



At this writing, February 8, Presque Isle Bay has a thin coat of ice on it, but it is not thick enough for ice boating or ice fishing.

With the ground hog seeing his shadow, it gives us six more weeks to review your charts and plot your course for this summer cruises.

The Blue Blazer Social will be on Sunday, March 12, at the Northeast Yacht Club in Cleveland.

On Sunday, April 23, our IOBGA will be hosting their Annual Nautica Queen Spring Brunch Cruise.

This brings us to the Memorial Day USS Cod Ceremony on Monday, May 29, at the Cleveland Harbor.

Commodore Perry Yacht Club's Change of Watch will be on Saturday, February 11. That evening Aileen Kawalski will be installed as Commodore for 2023.

At the Erie Yacht Club, Commodore Harvey Downey has announced that the major renovations, which started last October, are coming along quite well. The Cornhole League started on January 11, 2023 and continues every Wednesday evening. Drink and Think Pub Trivia night follows on Thursday nights with Pie and Pint night every Friday.

Adam DiNicola is the Commodore of Presque Isle Yacht Club in 2023. This year a First Friday Happy Hour is being instituted, along with a Chili Cookoff. The Commodore's Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, May 13. Opening day ceremonies take place on Sunday, May 28.

The Syria Mariners Yacht Club starts 2023 with Commodore Lee Pfiefer at the helm. Vice Commodore is Bill Woods. The Mariners are looking forward to the Potentate's Stag Banquet in March and their Spring Dinner in April.

The Zem Zem Sailors are looking forward in assisting their Potentate James Miller in the upcoming year. The 2023 line officers are: Commodore Timothy Barnhart, Vice Commodore Gary Hepler and Fleet Secretary and Treasurer P/C Dave Runser.

Mariners Log
By
Bob Stanley M.S.A.

With the arrival of March, the days are getting longer, the song birds are returning to Cleveland, and the daffodils and crocuses are emerging from the ground. It is also time for Shriners to start recruiting our Masonic Brothers, who are not a member of Al Koran Shrine. The Ceremonial crossing of the Hot Sands this year will be a statewide Ceremonial of all six Shrine Temples. It will be held at the Aladdin Shrine Center in the Oasis of Columbus. The date is Saturday, March 18. Let us, as Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, do our part to help guide a large caravan of neophytes across this Hot Sands to the oasis of our Shrine Center.

Since the Ground Hog saw his shadow on Ground Hog Day, there will be six more weeks of winter.

Sunshine Chairman, P/C John Baker has informed me that several Mariners and their ladies have come down with winter colds and the flu. Hang in there – Spring is right around the corner.

The March Business Meeting of Al Koran Shrine will be held on Monday, March 20. The location will be in the official call of the Potentate in the March Al Koran Magazine on page 2.

The Mariners March meeting will be held on Tuesday March 28, at the Edgewater Yacht Club. Chow and grog will commence at 1800 hours and our meeting will be rapped to order at 1900 hours.

Mark your calendar for the Mariners 2023 Brunch Cruise on Sunday, April 23. The Mariners, along with Al Koran Shrine and the LOSNA, will be joining the International Order of Blue Gavel (IOBG) for a Welcome Spring Brunch Cruise on the Nautica Queen. We will be boarding at 1230 hours with the cruise along Cleveland's shore line, commencing from 1300 hours to 1530 hours. This year, the IOBG has reserved the entire Nautical Queen for the afternoon. Seating is limited to 270 people. For information concerning this cruise, membership or activities of the Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club, please contact Commodore Ronn Murphy P.P. at 216-702-6785.

To all the Al Koran Shriners and their ladies, the Mariners and our Ladies wish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day and may the "Luck of the Irish" follow you for the rest of 2023.

God's Speed



**Ohio River Waters Shed Vice President
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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



The winter is almost over (at least calendar wise) and things are ramping up for the upcoming seas. Most of our clubs have had their change of watch and Commodore ball activities and are "Good to go." Weather forecasts seem positive for the season so let's PARTY....

I'm excited to hear of the number of fun and diverse activities that are planned at our clubs including fishing trips / fish fries, rendezvous, trips on riverboats / Nautica Queen, not to mention dinners, luncheons and dances.

Take some time to investigate opportunities for attending your club's activities as well as other Watershed District club's public events. We are in the process of researching our holding an event for all of our Watershed District's Blue Gavel members as well as current Commodores and past commodores. STAY TUNED and HAPPY BOATING.

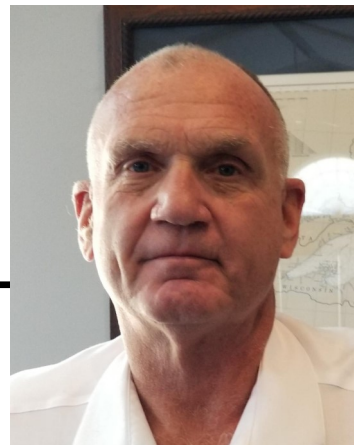
PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING SOME OF OUR DISTRICT 7 ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR.

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 MARK CAIN OR KATHRYN MCCARTHY.



FINAL VOYAGE

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

Mark Cain**District Director****(440-220-2000****lakevu4u@aol.com**

It's almost here! Time to get ready and go! Starting to warm up, just getting back from my winter in Florida and starting to get ready for an exciting boating season. Looking forward to visiting (partying) with all our boating and water loving friends.

Would like to extend a warm welcome to a returning Past Commodore Fred and Linda Lemieux back to IOBG, Fred's a PC Mariner. Welcome back Fred great to have you back!

Looking forward to working with our new District 7 President Chris Aune and his wife Gina Aune IOBGA President, I know it's going to be another banner year for district 7 as we have great leadership with great support from our new bridge. All ready willing and able to "getter" done.

Help us make sure no past commodores are left behind, reach out to all past commodores that you might know and remind them how important their presence is in strengthening and supporting the finest fraternity in the boating community and in keeping District 7 as the premier leader in IOBG. Looking forward to seeing everyone this boating season for lots of good sun and camaraderie.

Thanks again

PC Mark

Kathryn McCarthy**Supply Officer****216-470-2857****kmccarthy725@yahoo.com**

If anyone IOBG member would like a burgee to fly on their boat, please send me \$25.00 (plus \$2.00 if I have to mail). **Display your membership proudly!**

We also have arm patches for your Blue Blazer for \$15 and window decals for your car for \$2.00. I also can take orders for ties, shirts, etc. If interested, let me know what you would like.

Kathryn McCarthy**Advisor to the District Director****216-470-2857****kmccarthy725@yahoo.com**

I had the honor of attending the AYC Ball in February and what a great time we had. I had the pleasure of meeting many new members, including some people from IOBG District 9 at this event.. As you know, District 7 has been awarded the District Achievement Award the last several years for being the largest district in membership, new members and retention of members. I received a direct challenge from District 9 that they are out to beat us this year. I am asking for everyone's assistance in maintaining our record. I plead with you that if you have not paid your 2023 dues yet, please do so as soon as possible. Also, if you know of a past commodore in your club deserving of being an IOBG member, please refer them to me or one of the VP's for your area. We can't let District 9 or any other District take our title away!



GCBA BOWLING RENDEZVOUS
AT WICKLIFFE LANES

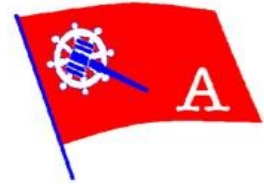
AND BANQUET AT NORMANDY
PARTY CENTER



Everyone has a great time. We had 33 teams register and participate.



President IOBGA Auxiliary – Gina Aune
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We had a great turn out for the annual IOBGA **Jingle & Mingle Holiday Party** which was held on Saturday, December 10, 2022 at the Chagrin Tavern in Eastlake. Thank you to everyone who attended, especially our friends who traveled from Cawtawba West Harbor Yacht Club to party with us!

Photos from the Jingle & Mingle

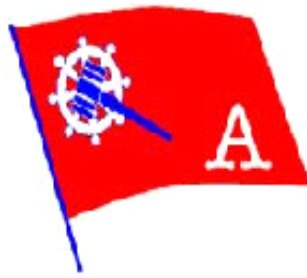


President IOBGA Auxiliary – Gina Aune—continued:
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The next IOBGA event will be the **Nautica Queen Brunch Cruise** on Sunday April 23, 2023. Please join us for our first Lake Erie cruise after a long cold winter as we dine and party on the Nautica. This event is open to all IOBG/IOBGA members, yacht club members, and their family and friends.

We have reserved the entire ship again this year and the seating is limited to the first 270 who register and pay. Unfortunately, last year we had to turn reservations away as we filled our seating capacity of 270 rather quickly, so get your reservations in early to confirm your seat.





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

Sunday April 23, 2023 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Boarding time is 12:00 p.m.

Adults \$40.00 per person

Buffet includes:

Chef's Choice of Carving

Breast of Chicken du Jour

Pasta du Jour

Mixed Greens with Dressing

Grilled Bacon, Sausage of Ham

Side Salads

Assorted Sweet Rolls

Danishes

Croissant's w/Butter & Jam

French Toast or Waffles

Fluffy Scrambled Eggs

Home Fried Potatoes

Blinitzes w/fruit topping

Fresh Fruit Compote

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 to 270. Please reserve early. Reservations and payment due by April 9, 2023

Please make checks payable to IOBGA District 7

Payment may be sent to: Marianne Dempster

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

You will receive your tickets the day of the cruise at the Nautica

**For the 2023 Brunch Cruise, the IOBGA has reserved the
entire Nautica Queen, invite your friends and family for a
great afternoon!**



District 7 International Order of the Blue Gavel and
Auxiliary cordially invite you and your significant other
to attend our
Welcome Aboard Social

The Blue Blazer Social is intended to introduce both current Commodores
and immediate Past Commodores to the Blue Gavel.

New members will be sworn in at this event.



Please join us, Sunday, March 12, 2023 at

Northeast Yacht Club

14321 Lakeshore Blvd. Cleveland, OH 44110

Dress Code is Blues & Greys for Officers.

Appetizers & Cocktails will be provided.

Doors open at 12:30pm.

Social will be from 1:00pm to 3:30pm.

RSVP by March 5th to: District 7 President Elect

Lewie Kuhn

Kuhnfabinc@aol.com

440-823-0103

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW

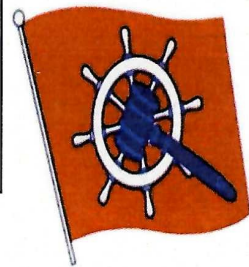
*7th Annual
IOBG District 7,9 & 25
Wine Tour*



September 15th & 16th 2023

@

*Holiday Inn Express & Suites
Madison, Ohio*



Saturday Bus Wine Tour

****Price approx. \$30/PP***

LOAD BUS @ 11:15

4 Winery Stops

21 Wineries within 8 miles

Food & Entertainment @ most Wineries along tour

ARRIVE BACK AT HOTEL @ 6pm

FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY ROOM

“OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS & FRIENDS”

Room Rates \$139.00/night + tax- “IHG” group Hotel

Reservation Deadline 08/15/2023

For reservations call 1-440-307-4449

FOR BUS RESERVATION EMAIL lloydbogue@windstream.net



Inter-Lake Yachting Association

2023 SPRING MEETING

MARCH 31 – APRIL 2, 2023

DoubleTree by Hilton

1100 Crocker Rd., Westlake, Ohio 44145

440-871-6000 or 800-774-1500



Please make your room reservation by March 16th, 2023

The I-LYA room rate should be requested when making reservations.

(\$104 Standard room per night plus taxes includes two breakfast buffets)

Please call the Hotel and ask for in house reservations to get the I-LYA rate using code: **ITY**

Or you can book online directly at: <https://hil.tn/5rqdxl>

*Join us Friday evening in our Hospitality Rooms to socialize and network
and Saturday for the Organizational Meetings to help us plan 2023*

****Ladies Luncheon ****

Saturday April 1, 2023 @ 12:00 noon

Name(s): _____ Club _____ # Attending _____

Cost: (\$25pp) - Chef Salad, Rolls & Butter, Dessert, Coffee Tea, Mimosas.

****Spring Dinner & Awards****

Saturday April 1, 2023

Cocktails (Cash Bar) 6:00 pm ---- Dinner 7:00 pm ---- **Cost: \$60 per person**

"A Taste of Italy" Italian Buffet - Caesar salad, Mixed green salad, Tomato Caprese salad, Chicken Parmigiana, Lasagna, Shrimp Scampi- w -Angel Hair Pasta. Cheese Tortellini- w- Red & White Sauce, Roasted Redskins, Mixed Greens, Assorted Breads,

Dessert & Beverages

Dinner Attire: Blues and Greys

Name(s): _____

Club: _____ # Attending _____

****reservations required****

RESERVE ONLINE@ <http://www.i-lya.org/reserve>

****Deadline for Reservations** is March 24, 2023. Please Make Checks Out To: I-LYA 2023**

Send to Lady Sharon Kneisel 2264 104th St., Toledo, Ohio 43611

Phone 419-367-6503 (For Questions)

I - LYA 130th Adult & Jr. Power Boat Regatta

Put - In - Bay, OH

July 26-30th, 2023

Come join all the fun! Bring the whole family!!
Kids are welcome and encouraged to join in!

All I-LYA Boaters are invited to join for some fun at the bay!

Dock at A&C Dock for only \$2.05 ft.

Social Packages for adults on boats that are docked with I-LYA are \$50 per person, Those without boats are \$60 per person. Social Packages include all dinner meals Spaghetti, Steak or Chicken, Hot Dog Roast, and a Taco dinner.

It also includes activities listed below for 4 days.

ADULT ACTIVITIES

Power Boat Water Contests
Corn Hole Contest
Co-ed Volleyball & Softball
Putt Putt Golf*
Golf Tournament*
Pub Crawl*

Mt. Gay Rum Party / Tito's Party
Inflatable Boat Races
Beer Trailer
Ladies Tea*

Kayak Races & Tug a War on the water
Award Ceremony

KIDS 5-11 yrs. (Free)

Fishing Contest
Geo Quest
Putt Putt Golf
Movie Night

JR. POWER 12-18yrs. (\$10)

SAFE Boating Seminar &
Navigation Contest
Scholarship Opportunities
Fishing Contest & Geo Quest
Putt Putt Golf & Movie Night
Co-ed Softball, Volley Ball & Corn Hole
Kayak Races & Tug a War on the water
Award Ceremony

*Small fee may apply

Steak, Chicken, and Dinner meals are NOT included for kids or Jr's but may be purchased for a small fee.

Go to the I-LYA Website for On Line Register May 1st- July 10th.
For more information or questions call the Power Boat Registrar,
Dawn Schaumburger at 734-558-6129 or email dschaums22@aol.com

Avast Ye!

AHOY ME HEARTIES! AARGH YE READY?



GREATER CLEVELAND
BOATING ASSOCIATION'S



Summer Rendezvous

JUNE 16 -18, 2023
HURON BOAT BASIN



WEEKEND SCHEDULE



Friday

REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN
GRUB AND GROG AT THE DOCK
YE BE ENCOURAGED TO BRING OUT YER INNER PIRATE –
BEST DRESSED WILL CAPTURE THE LOOT!
50/50 RAFFLE

Saturday

ANNUAL GCBA GOLF OUTING
SHOW A LEG WITH EYEOPENERS & DONUTS AT THE DOCK
REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN
TORTUGA POKER RUN
TREASURE HUNT
IOBG SPIRITS AND VITTLES PARTY & 50/50 RAFFLE
CHINESE AUCTION
BUFFET STYLE DINNER
YO HO HO! ENTERTAINMENT TBA

Sunday

SHOW YOUR OTHER LEG WITH COFFEE, JUICE & DONUTS AT THE DOCK

COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRTS WILL BE AVAILABLE- DETAILS TO FOLLOW

HURON BOAT BASIN DOCKAGE
CALL DOUG STEINWART AT (419) 433-4848 FOR RESERVATIONS

HOTEL RESERVATIONS
RIVERS EDGE COMFORT INN: (419) 433-8000
WORKING ON GETTING A BLOCK OF ROOMS RESERVED



Greater Cleveland Boating Association

SUMMER RENDEZVOUS – HURON BOAT BASIN

BUFFET STYLE DINNER: \$35 p/p

Includes: Brisket, Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Veggies, Green Salad, Rolls, Butter and Dessert.

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

CLUB/ORGANIZATION: _____

NUMBER OF DINNERS: _____ X \$35.00

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Deadline to Order is June 9, 2023. Get your tickets early!

Make checks payable to Greater Cleveland Boating Association and mail to Treasurer, Kathy McCarthy, 8577 Hilltop Drive, Mentor, 44060. Venmo payments accepted to @Kathryn-McCarthy-55

Questions to Rear Commander, Lisa Maze. Email: Lisadmaze@gmail.com or (440) 321-6419

GCBA JOE CHASE MEMORIAL FUND RAISER FOR SAFETY & EDUCATION

When: check in starts Fri July 21 with Events all day

Saturday July 22,2023

Walk ups welcome

No boat needed to join in the fun Saturday



Boat dock reservations at www.northcoastharbormarina.com/book-boat-slip copy and paste

Saturday Events to include 50/50 raffle all day drawing, at 7pm

Lunch Burgers and dogs 1pm to 3pm \$10 donation

Chinese Raffle baskets

Paddle raft races with prizes

Boat agencies around to answer questions and help promote safety

And grand finale for the day PARADE OF LIGHTS down the Cuyahoga River at approximately 21:30 Hr. with best decorated boat prizes by Oasis Marina

For more information, please contact Capt. Don Young Commander GCBA

And if possible, to let's know you are coming to have idea of how many people

GCBA Annual Memorial Day service

Monday May 29th @ 10:00 am

COME HELP US SUPPORT OUR PAST MEMBERS AND FALLEN MILITARY
WHO HAVE PASSED ON AND SUPPORT THE FAMILIES LEFT BEHIND
IN THIS SPECIAL SERVICE



Line up for the parade portion will begin at Burke Lake Airport at approximately 9:30am and the parade will go to the USS Cod

Anyone wishing to have a family member honored please send a notice of name, the club belong to and or branch of office and they will be added to the list of names to Nick Hostottle Flag Lieutenant @ nickhostottle@yahoo.com

Also, any deceased members that you have before 3-1-23 will be added to the who's who book

Thank you and we look forward to seeing many of you on May 29th, 2023

2023 IOBG Dues Notice

IOBG Dues \$43.00 \$ _____
IOBGA Dues \$10.00 \$ _____
Humanitarian Fund Donation (Optional) \$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Remit To:**Treasurer IOBG District 7****Kathryn McCarthy****8577 Hilltop Drive****Mentor, Ohio 44060**

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: _____





International Order of the Blue Gavel



INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Chapter: _____ District: _____

Name: _____

Spouse or Companion: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Country: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Business: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

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.

Approved: Chapter: _____

District: _____

Note: District Members-at-Large should so indicate in the "Chapter" space.

Distribution: Original to International Treasurer, copies for Chapter and District

IOBG Discounts

Car Rental



AVIS AWD Number: Z137829

Company: IOBG Program

<https://www.avisforbusiness.com/rewards/>

15 % discount

1-800-352-7900



Hertz CDP Number: 2203674

Company: IOBG Program

<https://www.hertz.com/rentacar/rental-car-deals/hertz-business-rewards>

20% discount

1-800-654-4173

Hotels



Choice Hotels - Business Program Discount

(Clarion, Cambria, Comfort, Quality Inn)

1-800-300-8800

6,400 Hotels
www.choicehotels.com

ID number: 00362220
10% Discount Access



HILTON – Asia Pacific Local Business Program
Australasia – Exclusive Rate From 9% off, Internet and Taxes included

As a valued corporate member of our Local Business Program, enjoy an exclusive discount from 9% off on our Best Available Flexible Room Only Rate at participating hotels within the Hilton Portfolio in Australasia. Plus, Hilton Honors™ members will also receive free WiFi*. Register now for your unique Corporate Code to book. Becoming an LBP member also gives unique meeting rates and flexible terms and conditions for meetings held in participating hotels within Australasia.

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Services



www.BatteriesPlus.com

Member number M-5788206

Discounts from 20% - 70%

Need help? Call (310) 313-2550



National Purchasing Partners Discounts Include: Harry and David, Tire Buyer, Skechers, Office Depot, Sherman Williams (10% - 30%)

Hotelogical: (up to 70%) Example will be rolled out next month.

The International Order Of The Blue Gavel

NPP Member ID: M-5788206

Your company passcode is: 968A471D

Forward this email to your team. They can [sign up here](#) for NPP employee savings. Check out all of our [employee discounts here](#).



Home Depot Pro Xtra

Lowe's for Pros

Both Programs: You can use these discounts at stores only when paying with your credit card or cash. No online orders...Only the IOBG Treasurer Marshall Nemoy can use online to pay for IOBG items.

Home Depot Help Number (if there is a problem): 800-535-5000

Savings vary from 20% - 40% and can be item specific

Both **Home Depot** and **Lowe's** have professional accounts that are great for all businesses, not just contractors

Home Depot Pro Xtra is a small business discount program that helps you save on things like paint, lumber, tools and tool rentals, and other office renovation necessities.

Pro Xtra members can take advantage of special services, savings, and business tools.

Volume Pricing

Save money on qualifying orders of \$1,500 or more.

Paint Rewards

- Save up to 20% on paints, stains and primers in-store and online
- Free factory tinting & color matching
- Phone-in orders



IOBG Pro Xtra: Pro Loyalty Program

Use at store only:

At Checkout in the store give the IOBG email: bgtreas@iobg.org and phone number: 858-565-1093 for Pro Xtra Discount



Lowe's for Pros lets you save money on bulk purchases, access exclusive members-only sales and benefit from tax-free purchases.

At Checkout in the store give IOBG email: bgtreas@iobg.org and phone number: 858-565-1093

Free Delivery

Savings from 10% - 35% Varies on items.

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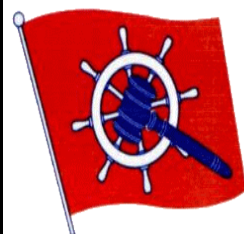
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