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Summer is upon us!!

President Rich McKee

Spring is finally here! With the weather getting warmer, I hope that everyone has had a chance to work on their boats. If all goes as planned, I hope to have our boat in the water by the time you are reading this issue of the "Chatter".

Since our last issue we have been very busy with several IOBG and IOBG-A events. The Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade was held in Downtown Cleveland on 03/17/16 and several of our members representing both IOBG and IOBG-A marched in the parade. A special thank you to Pat McIlwee for scheduling this and for taking care of this event, it was truly appreciated.

On Sunday, 03/20/16, we had approximately 29 members travel to Sandusky Yacht Club for their Sunday Brunch. The food, as always, was delicious and if anyone was hungry when they left it was their own fault. I would like to thank Gene McKeown for contacting SYC and making the arrangements.

Our annual Blue Blazer Event was held on Thursday, 03/24/16, at Forest City Yacht Club. I would like to thank Tim and Debbie Yearick for arranging for us to use their club. This is a great place to hold this event, it is a great clubhouse with a lot of room. We did have several current commodores and past commodores attend, we even had one that signed up that night. I want to thank everyone that helped set up, work and clean up for this party. I would also like to thank the Auxiliary for attending and helping out with everything!

On Sunday, 04/24/16, we attended the IOBG-A Nautica Cruise Brunch. IOBG-A President Mary Romano and her bridge did an outstanding job on this cruise. They had a large turnout for this event, each year more people sign up to attend. If you have never attended, you are truly missing out on a great time. The weather was absolutely beautiful and it was a nice boat ride with friends.

We have several events scheduled for this summer and I hope that you are able to attend at least one of these events. They are as follows:

05/30/16	Memorial Day Ceremony at the USS COD
06/24/16 – 06/26/16	GCBA Rendezvous at the Huron Boat Basin
06/25/16	District 7 Cocktail Party – Information will be in the GCBA Flyer
08/10/16 – 08/14/16	I-LYA Power Regatta
08/13/16	IOBG Cocktail Party @ PIBYC, Districts 7, 9 and 25
09/16/16 – 08/18/16	Annual Wine Tour – Geneva, Ohio Flyer is included in this issue

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!!!!

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Upcoming Events

5/30—Memorial Day
**6/25— GCBA Golf Out-
ing Huron OH**
**6/25—IOBG Cocktail
Party Huron OH**
**8/13—IOBG Commo-
dore Reception**
9/16—Wine Tour
**9/30—GCBA Golf Out-
ing—Westlake OH**

First Vice President Lloyd Bogue

It has been a very busy spring with many activities for all. The Blue Blazer event at Northeast Yacht Club was a wonderful event and we appreciated NEYC hosting this very special evening. St. Patty's Day parade was fun for all with fine weather and plenty of food and frolic. The brunch at Sandusky Yacht Club was also wonderful. You cannot go wrong

with their brunch. I believe we had 30 people attend. I would like to congratulate the IOBGA for putting together another fantastic Nautica Cruise. I think they had 150 people attend this year's event. It is always a great way to start the boating season.



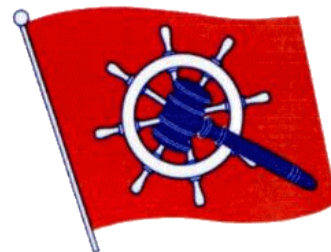
Since the boating season is now underway, many more activities will be coming fast and furious. I know it is not an IOBG event but the GCBA Memorial Day ceremony aboard the USS Cod is a wonderful event to honor our fallen veterans along with the departed members of our boating community. So if you have not attended this very special event in the past, please try to join us this year at 9:30 am at

Burke Lakefront Airport. While I am tooting the horn for the GCBA we will be hosting a cocktail party at this year summer rendezvous at the Huron Boat Basin on Saturday June 25th come help us and join in on the fun!

The GCBA's Vice Commander is holding a fund raising event on July 30, 2016 at Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club. Please try to stop out and help her raise the necessary funds for her Commanders Ball.

With the RNC in town in July, things will be quite busy in the Cleveland area. When you add in the 4th of July, club regattas, parties etc, it makes for a busy summer. The next thing you know we are talking about haul out, change of watches and the Christmas season. Boy time flies when you are having fun!! Enjoy your summer and hopefully we will see you on the water!

District Director Warren Dempster



District 7's boating season is officially underway with another successful Nautica brunch cruise sponsored by the IOBGA. A big thank you and congratulations go out to President Mary Romano and her Bridge. This event gets larger every year, so please plan early to attend next year.

Plans are well underway preparing for the IOBG Annual Meeting and Ball to be held in Cleveland in October 2017 honoring our own Past President of District 7, Tony Durieux and Lady Sandi. This year the event will be held in Marina del Rey, California, October 20-23. District 7 along with Districts 9 & 25 will again sponsor a Blue Gavel cocktail party honoring the I-LYA Commodore, Chris Amlin and Lady Sharon on August 13th at the I-LYA powerboat regatta held at Put in Bay. The following weekend, District 7 will be well represented at the IOBG regional meeting sponsored by District 3 in Buffalo. As you will see in this issue of the Chatter, we have many events planned and we hope to see many of our members participate in them.

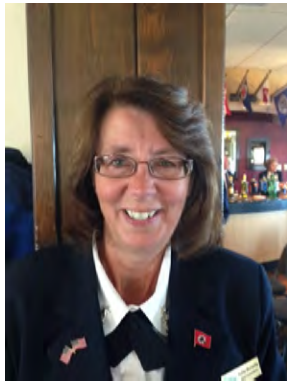


District 7 has recently lost two respected ladies with the passing of P/P Hildegard Gebhardt and P/C and P/P Hope Mcleod. The members of District 7 and the entire board wish both families our deepest sympathy.

Please remember that if you haven't renewed your IOBG membership for 2016, it has expired as of January 1. Renewals are still being accepted. Also, please remember that in order to be an officer in your club's Blue Gavel chapter, you must be a current member of the IOBG.

We hope to see many of our members at the upcoming Greater Cleveland Boating Association's Memorial Day ceremony held aboard the USS Cod in Cleveland. District 7 President Rich McKee will be one of the distinguished speakers during that ceremony. We will be casting a wreath in honor of all our deceased members since last Memorial Day.

Please have a safe and enjoyable boating season



**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

May has finally arrived and everyone is probably pretty busy getting their boats cleaned and polished and ready for the water. My husband and I were able to launch our boat this past Saturday. What a great feeling to be back in the water. We got our gazebo set up, flowers planted, and we're ready to start the season, just need the sunshine to catch up! We even had our first dockside bonfire this past week!

In April, I had thirty-two people from my home club (REYC) join me on the Brunch on the Nautica Queen. The weather was in our favor that day. The water was calm, the food was delicious, and what a great day to visit with old friends and make new ones. I wanted to thank the Women's Auxiliary for all their hard work in setting up this outing. I am already looking forward to next year's event.

On a personal note, I am sad to say that I recently lost my mother two weeks ago. Mother's Day was bittersweet for me. Although her death was a shock, in my heart, I know she is in a better place now and at Peace. I will be taking her in spirit on all our boat rides this year.

In closing, I'd like to encourage all our members to promote the IOBG within their prospective clubs and if you know of any past commodores that may be considering joining, direct them to an officer or the vice president of their district.

Happy Boating,

Northwest VP Lewie Kuhn

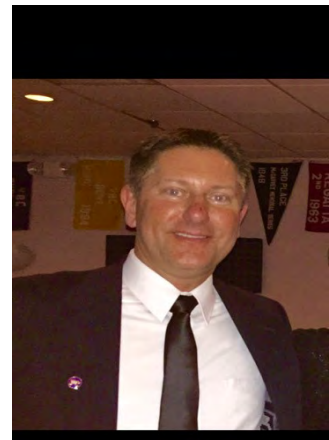
Spring is finally here, the boats are going in the water and the weather is changing for the better. I look forward to stopping by at the clubs I am representing this summer.

Something of interest: The Vermilion Boat Club will be hosting the 2016 Tartan Ten American National Championship Regatta this year. The dates are August 10th-14th.

In the late 1970's the Tartan Ten was the dream design of Charlie Britton of Tartan Marine of Grand River, Oh. The 33 ft boats are the ideal one-design racing auxiliary- no ratings or large expensive sail inventories are needed to be competitive. The rig makes it very easy for two people to sail or families to race. This year 25 to 30 boats are expected to compete in Vermilion. The event starts Tuesday August 9th with registration, with racing everyday till Sunday when the awards will be presented.

Please see our club website for details. www.vermilionboatclub.com
Looking forward to a great summer.

You can always contact me at kuhnfabinc@aol.com or at 440-823-0103



**Northwest
V.P. Lewie Kuhn**

*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*



President IOBGA Auxiliary – Mary Romano



“If ever there were a Spring day so perfect.”

This describes the weather on April 24th for our fifth annual Cruise on the “Nautica Queen”. We could not have ordered a better day! Each year our numbers increase; this year 150 anxious people boarded the boat for our first ride of the season on Lake Erie with Captain Jim Dale and his wonderful crew. Everyone enjoyed the delicious Brunch and scenic ride and we ended our afternoon with a drawing for two Raffle Baskets.

Our “Wine Basket” was won by Dominique Sorbo from “Huron Yacht Club”

the “Chocolate Basket” by Rose & John Kolenc from “Rivers Edge Yacht Club”.

Thank You again to my marvelous Bridge for their donations to these baskets and for selling all the tickets.

“Thank You” – Debbie, Rhonda, Beth, Marianne and Robin.

A huge “Thank You” to everyone who attended, you all played a very important part in making the event such a success. We look forward to seeing you all again next year on April 23, 2017.

A nice calendar of events are scheduled for the rest of the year:

Memorial Day Ceremony on the USS COD – May 30

Cocktail Party for GCBA Rendezvous at Huron Boat Basin – June 25

I-LYA Commodores Reception at Put-In-Bay – August 13

IOBG Summer Regional Meeting in Niagara Falls, NY – August 18-20

IOBG “D-7” Annual Wine Tour in Geneva, Ohio – September 16-18

It looks like a fun summer, please try to attend some of these events.

Our District “7” Auxiliary lost three of our Past Presidents this Spring: Jerry Dunn was President in 1996; Hildegard Gebhardt in 1999 and Hope McLeod in 1998. Hope also honored us as International President of IOBGA in 2005. All of these ladies were very dedicated and passionate about our Auxiliary and gave total commitment to our continued success. Because of their leadership and tireless energy our Auxiliary was and still remains the largest District in IOBGA. We have lost great friends who will always remain in our hearts. We “Thank You” for your tremendous contributions and assure you that we will continue your legacy.

2016 IOBG Dues Notice

IOBG Dues \$68.00 \$ _____

IOBGA Dues \$10.00 \$ _____

Humanitarian Fund Donation (Optional) \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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Please list all of the following for Roster Information:

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Address: _____

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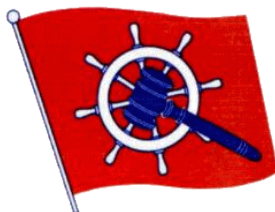
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Email address: _____

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St. Patricks Day Parade Cleveland, Ohio





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.

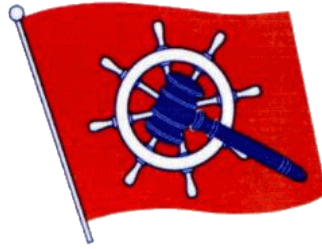
Please reserve the 11:30 shuttle

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



2016 GCBA Club Championship to benefit GCBA and Vice Commodore from ILYA Andy Krotseng

When: Friday September 30, 2016

Where: Hilliard Lakes Golf Club, Westlake, OH

Time: 9:00 sharp

Cost: \$75 per player \$300 per foursome

Includes—Lunch at the turn, Dinner and Beer

Deadline for registration is September 9, 2016

Please send your reservation to John Popovich (jjpopo@hotmail.com) 440-785-7285 or
Pat McIlwee (patmcilwee@cox.net) 216-214-6111

GOLFERS:

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

If you don't want to play golf you can join in for Dinner only at \$25 per person

We have hole sponsorships starting at \$100

Please mail your check to John Popovich, 6559 Arbordale, Solon, OH 44139

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