

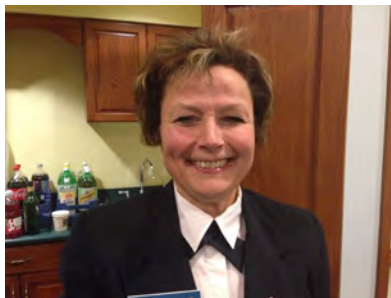


IOBG District 7 Northcoast Chatter—May 2017

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President Debbie Light



Spring is finally here! With the weather getting warmer, I hope everyone is getting a chance to work on their boats.

Since the last chatter publication, we have been very busy with IOBG & IOBGA events. The annual St. Patrick's parade was held in Downtown Cleveland on 3/17/17 and several members representing IOBG & IOBGA marched in the parade. A special thank you goes out to Pat McIlwee, for scheduling and taking care of this event, as always Pat, it is appreciated. Please look for the flyers on the 2018 St. Patrick's Day parade, it is on a Saturday!

Our annual Blue Blazer Social event was on March 26th, at North East Yacht Club, I want to thank Tim and Debbie Yearick for arranging us to use their club. Their club is an awesome place to visit and hold an event. A special kudos goes out to Lloyd Bogue, President Elect IOBG District 7, for handling this event in my absence. I want to thank EVERYONE for their PARTICIPATION and hard work in making this event a success.

On Sunday April 23rd, the IOBGA hosted their Annual Nautica Brunch Cruise! I want to thank IOBGA President Debbie Yearick and her bridge for doing an outstanding job with this event. There is a large turn out whether the weather is good or bad!

We have several events scheduled this summer and I look forward to seeing you there:

May 29 th	Memorial Day Ceremony on the USS Cod
Jun 23-25	GCBA Rendezvous Huron Boat Basin, Huron, OH IOBG D7 Cocktail Party on Saturday
Aug 9-13	I-LYA Power Regatta @ Put n Bay
Aug 12	IOBG Cocktail Party @ PIBYC Districts 7, 9 & 25
Sep 8-10	IOBG D7 Annual Wine Tour Geneva, OH

I am looking forward to this season and I hope you are as well.
Safe Journeys!

Happy Summer!

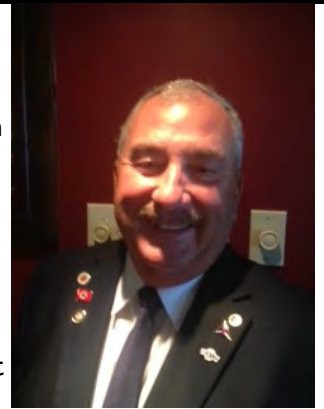
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Upcoming Events:

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Cocktail Party on Saturday
Aug 9-13 I-LYA
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Cocktail Party @ PIBYC
Districts 7, 9 & 25
Sep 8-10 [IOBG
D7 Annual Wine Tour](#)
Geneva, OH

President Elect Lloyd Bogue



Well it sure has been a very busy spring so far! What an April we had, the warmest on record. The boats are finally getting off the hard and into the water. I sure hope that the rest of the summer will be like April, except warmer. Since our last writing the Gavel has been very busy. As you may remember, I said that in our last "Chatter" that I would be attending the International meeting in Clearwater Florida on the 1st of March. Well we did indeed attend along with 7 other district 7 members. As always a fun and informative experience and I would encourage everyone if they have an opportunity to attend one of these events to do so. The balance of March was filled with more fun as we gathered at the Hyatt Arcade for some hospitality and the 150th St. Patty's Day Parade in downtown Cleveland.

More tales to come out of that adventure as we marched up Superior Ave. on a half way decent weather day. Thanks again to Warren & Marianne Dempster for hosting our hospitality room again this year, YOU GUYS ARE THE BEST! Next years Parade is on the weekend and should be bigger and better, so watch for more information on this as the 2018 Gavel plans come together.

Northeast Yacht Club was the location of this years "Blue Blazer Event" on Sunday March 26, with 70 people in attendance. We think that this is the day to host this type of an event and plan on doing it again next year in that same time frame. The district inducted 6 new members that afternoon and gained another few just after the event. So welcome aboard to all of those new members. We hope you become involved with your "Gavel" and enjoy everything that we have to offer. When you put on an event such as this you need plenty of help, and we had plenty. The auxiliary joined in with lots of help, along with PP Warren Dempster, PP Rich McKee, PP Gene McKeown, just to mention a few. I thank the district 7 Bridge Officers for all of their help too. We were honored to have Past International President Joel Kay come and participate in this year's event, IOBGA International President Sandi Durieux also talked about the auxiliary and the vital part they play to the Blue Gavel. International President Elect Tony Durieux gave us the honor of swearing our new members. We also had a representative from the International Humanitarian Foundation Mr. Larry Inguagiato from District #9.

I would like to thank President Debbie Yearick, Marianne Dempster, Rhonda Rich and the rest of the Auxiliary for an outstand job on the Nautica Cruise Brunch. 160 plus people enjoyed the early afternoon on the water. IOBGA President Elect Rhonda Rich says for you to save the date for next year cruise, it will be on April 22, 2018.

It was with a heavy heart that I must report the passing of 2 of our long time members. P/C Stan Leff from Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club and the Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club and P/C Jerome (Jerry) Catalano from Lake County Yacht Club. Your E-Board, along with the chapters from Chagrin Lagoons and Lake County Yacht performed a wonderful Memorial service at the close of their calling hours. This is very nice service to honor our departed members.

Rhonda and I hope to see everyone come out for the cocktail party at the Huron Boat Basin on June 24 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. This is another fun event that your Gavel has to add value to your membership and meet some great new friends. Also don't forget to help support the I-LYA at there power boat regatta on August 12th. We will be sponsoring a cocktail party along with District #9 & 25 for everyone from 3:00pm to 4:00pm at PIBYC, summer whites Please! Safe Boat to you and yours!

On a happier note I would like to **WELCOME** 21 NEW MEMBERS TO OUR DISTRICT SO FAR THIS YEAR!! Great job to everyone for recruiting these new members!

CALVIN SMITH	KRISTINA TRUTHAN	TAMARA TURNER
RICK HENDERSON	CONSTANCE McKEOWN	MARK YOHO
CHARLES ZUMHEHR	LEE HOMYOCK	RODNEYDESILETS
ALAN FEJES	JOHN SCHWENK	BRIAN WINTER
STEPHEN BANASHAK	ARTHUR CARINA	DEAN SZYMCZAK
PAULA WILLIAMS	NORM KUESEL	MICHAEL O'NEIL
DONNA MARSINICK	CHERYL LEUTWYLER	JAMES WATSON

First VP Dominique Sorbo



Ahoy mates! Summer fun is right around the corner with friends and family enjoying the upcoming boating season. For many of us, the fun began with another great turn out for the Nautica Queen brunch. It was a fabulous day to cruise our beautiful Cleveland shoreline and visit with our Blue Gavel friends. Though the food, drink and socializing were fun, the highlight of my day was the big hug I received from our own Al Gebhardt. A thank you to our ladies of the IOBG-A for another great event. For those of you who have never attended an IOBG event, I suggest you make the effort. You will be surprised at the many new friends and contacts you will make. Another favorite event of mine is the GCBA cocktail party event in Huron the weekend of June 23-25. This of course is a favorite of mine because this the home port of my club, the Huron Yacht Club. It is an opportunity to meet many of our officers and members while socializing with both our District 7 members and GCBA. Rick and I hope to see many of you there. Check the calendar for details and other upcoming events. If you have suggestions for future events, contact one of our officers or vice presidents. There information is located on the IOBG District 7 website. Boat safe and we'll see you on the lake!

Help Wanted

We are looking for a Cleveland West Vice President to represent the following clubs:

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

If you are interested please reach out to any Blue Gavel Board Member

District Director Rich McKee



The boating season has finally arrived! I hope that everyone has their boats in the water or will be getting ready to launch soon. The District 7 Bridge has been hard at work planning this year's Calendar of Events. We hope that there is something scheduled that interests you and hope you will be able to attend. The Calendar is located on the District 7 website at <http://iobg>.

I would like to invite all members to come out to one of the summer events planned and support President Debbie Light and our Officers. The GCBA Memorial Day Parade is Monday, 05/29/17 at the USS Cod.

The GCBA Rendezvous is scheduled for the weekend of 06/23/17 – 06/25/17 at the Huron Boat Basin. IOBG holds a cocktail party on Saturday afternoon at this event, and there are many different gift baskets and poker hands to raffle. IOBG is currently selling raffle tickets for our upcoming IOBG International President, Tony Durieux. We are selling raffle tickets for a "Cooler Full of Cheer" for a fundraiser for Tony, so please see one of the IOBG Members who will be able to help. We will be pulling the winning ticket for the cooler at the Cocktail Party that afternoon.

To finish up the summer, there is an IOBG Cocktail Party held on Saturday, 08/12/17, at the Put in Bay Yacht Club during Powerboat Regatta. Districts 7, 9 and 25 co-host this event yearly. President Debbie Light from District 7 will be Party Hostess this year.

Hope to see you out on the lake,

Rich McKee



Northwest VP Lewie Kuhn

Spring is finally here. The weather is getting nicer and the boats are going in the water. I know everyone will be busy getting their boat ready for the upcoming season.

I am looking forward to the GCBA Rendezvous in Huron this June 23-25th. On the 24th of June District 7 IOBG is hosting a cocktail party from 12-3 at the Boat Basin, should be a great event. On August 12th IOBG is having a cocktail party at PIBYC during the power boat regatta week. Should be another not to miss event.

If anyone is looking for a place to go by boat or car this summer stop in at the Vermilion Boat Club and enjoy our hospitality. Call the club for dock reservations, or diner reservations on Friday nights. We have some type of event almost every weekend.

I would like to remind anyone that has not paid their dues yet to please do so. District 7 is one of the largest chapters in the International Order and we would like to keep it that way.

I look forward to seeing you on the water this summer.

Northwest V.P. Lewie Kuhn

[All Ports 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

International Ball 2017

International Blue Gavel Convention Update

Things are moving along nicely for the International Convention to be held here, in Cleveland, Ohio, October 19-22, 2017.

We have met with the Hotel and worked out the menu for the lunches and the Ball. The transportation has been locked in. Rosemary Sukis and I had a very positive meeting with Dan Crandall from Crocker Park regarding the Poker run throughout his complex. Sheri Brello is working with John Crist Winery for a stop during the event and John Sukis scoped out a nice micro-brewery very close to the Hotel for those beer drinkers.

If anyone has contacts with companies to provide goodies for the welcome bags, please let me know. We will need probably around 120 pieces.

Keep selling those Raffle tickets. Those funds turn into FUN for all.

As the time gets closer, we will need more volunteers, so don't give up hope if you have not been called

I hope all of District 7 will be able to attend this wonderful weekend we have planned.

Should you have any questions, give me a call at 216-389-3020

Trish Graven

Cleveland Central VP Tim Yearick

Hello All,

Even though this past winter was pretty mild, the spring weather has not been the best. While the shrink wrap is coming off, and boats are going in the water, the lake is still really cold, so make sure you are wearing your life jackets when going out on the lake. Hopefully Mother Nature is kind and allows us to have an enjoyable Memorial Day weekend with our friends and families.

Congratulations to Debbie and the Auxiliary on the fine job they did with the Nautica Cruise. Sounds like everyone had a good time and the weather was perfect.

The next big event is the IOBG cocktail party in Huron for the GCBA Rendezvous on June 24th. This is always a great time.

That's all for now. Stay well and hope to see everyone in Huron.





Northeast VP Kathryn McCarthy

Hello IOBG Members,

They say April showers bring May flowers! Well, it's officially here. It's May and the flowers are blooming..... and May also brings us the start of another boating season in Northeast Ohio! Boats are going into the water, and soon, we will be enjoying our passion - boating!! I know we personally just got our "Perfect Match" in the water last week. It's time to start enjoying her!

V.P. Kathryn McCarthy—REYC

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

I'd like to thank the IOBG-D7 Auxiliary for organizing another great cruise on the Nautica Queen. I always feel that the outing on the Nautica Queen officially kicks off boating season for us. It's usually the first cruise on the lake for most of us after a long, cold winter. If you haven't joined in on this outing, you don't know what you are missing. It's a great way to enjoy good food and drinks, see great scenery, and make great friendships.

As everyone embarks on the various activities happening at your own clubs, be sure to reach out to reciprocal clubs and join in on some of their public events. It's so much fun to go to a new club and meet new people.

I, for one, would like to invite everyone to join me at my home club, **River's Edge Yacht Club** located on the Grand River, and attend our:

2017 SUMMERFEST - Featuring - DISCO INFERNO -
Saturday - July 22, 2017

We will be featuring a full buffet dinner with dessert, full cash bar, and a concert featuring **DISCO INFERNO**. You can dance the night away under the stars on our outdoor dance floor. We are offering free overnight dockage. Sideboards and 50/50 Raffle. Tickets are \$45.00 for any yacht club member, and \$50.00 for non-yacht club members.

Contact me at kmccarthy725@yahoo.com or 216-470-2857 if you are interested in tickets. Dockage is limited and available with paid ticket orders on a first come basis.

I'm looking forward to the GCBA Rendezvous in Huron in June where I hope to see many of you. If you are going to be there too, make sure you stop by the "Perfect Match" and say hello. The best part of boating is the camaraderie of your fellow boaters.

I hope everyone has a safe, enjoyable season with calm waters and blue skies.

President IOBGA Auxiliary – Debbie Yearick



Wishing everyone a Safe Boating Season for 2017! Hoping for good seas and good times.

“Sunshine and fun”: This describes the weather on April 23rd for our sixth annual Cruise on the “Nautica Queen”. We could not have ordered a better day! Each year our numbers increase; this year 162 anxious people boarded the boat for our first ride of the season on Lake Erie. 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 Patty Pleasant from “Ashtabula Yacht Club”

The “Afghan Basket” by Sandi Durieux from “Catawba West Harbor Yacht Club”.

Thank You again to my marvelous Bridge for their donations to these baskets and for selling all the tickets. “Thank You” –Rhonda, Mary, Beth and Marianne.

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 22, 2018.

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

Memorial Day Ceremony on the USS COD – May 29

Cocktail Party for GCBA Rendezvous at Huron Boat Basin – June 24

I-LYA Commodores Reception at Put-In-Bay – August 12

IOBG “D-7” Annual Wine Tour in Geneva, Ohio – September 8-10

IOBG “D-7” Annual Meeting & Change of Watch – October 14

IOBG Annual Convention Meeting, Doubletree Hotel, Westlake, OH – October 18-21

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

2017 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:

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Spouse: _____

P/C of which Yacht Club: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

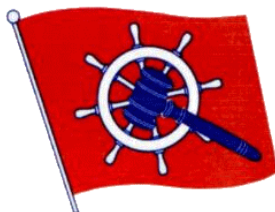
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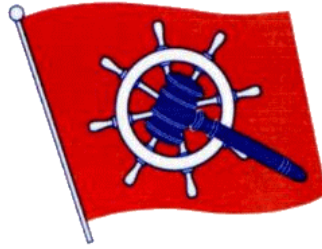
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IOBG D7 Calendar

October 1st	District 7 Change of Watch - Forest City Yacht Club
November 18th- 19th	GCBA Commanders Ball - Kalahari Resort
December 2nd-4th	I-LYA Fall Meeting (District 7, 9 & 25 Pizza on Friday Night) - Perrysburg, OH
February	AYC Commodore's Ball - Perrysburg, OH
March 4	E-Board Meeting @ TBA
March 17th	St. Patrick's Parade in Cleveland
March 24	Blue Blazer @ North East Yacht Club (tentative)
March 31—April 2	I-LYA Spring Meeting - Double Tree Westlake
April 23	IOBGA Nautica Brunch Cruise
May 12th	E-Board Meeting @ TBA
May 29th	Memorial Day Ceremony at the USS COD
June 23—25	GCBA Rendezvous – Huron Boat Basin
June 24	District 7 Cocktail Party - GCBA Rendezvous
August 9-13	I-LYA Power Regatta
August 12	IOBG Cocktail Party @PIBYC, Districts 7, 9, & 25
September	E-Board Meeting @ TBA
September 8-10	Annual Wine Tour - Geneva, Ohio
October 14	D-7 Change of Watch



**District 7
International Order of the Blue Gavel
2017 Annual Convention & Ball Fundraiser
Benefitting President Tony Durieux & Lady Sandi**



Anyone Can Enter or Donate

\$5.00 per Ticket – Cooler Full of Premium Spirits

A \$700.00 + Value

See any District 7 Board member for tickets or call:

Warren Dempster 440-725-7731

The Winning Ticket will be drawn publicly during the IOBG Cocktail Party at the GCBA Rendezvous June 24th, 2017

A portion of proceeds will benefit the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation





Photos courtesy of Lloyd Bogue
Blue Blazer 2017 hosted by Northeast Yacht Club.....THANK YOU!
Nautica Queen Auxiliary Cruise

5th Annual IOBG District 7 Wine Tour



September 8th-10th, 2017

The Lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake

Come by Car or Boat

Friday, September 8 • Self-guided tours • District 7 Hospitality suite open at 6 pm,
(if you like, bring bottle of your favorite wine) Snacks, beverages and beer available

Saturday, September 9th • Arrive at Lodge no later than 11 am, 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 10th • Breakfast Buffet at the Lodge. Check out at 11 am

Lodge room rates: Standard Double \$159.00, Premium King--\$199.00 (plus 14.75% bed tax & \$9. Daily resort fee respectively) Check in is 4:00 pm A block of 15 rooms has been reserved for IOBG District 7. Mention group ID 4GB4Z5 Reservation deadline is July 25, 2017 Shuttle tour: \$35. for resort guest/\$45. for non-resort guest. Please reserve the 11:30 shuttle. Winery stops include: to be determined, info will follow.

The Lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake reservations 1-800-801-9982 Geneva State Park
Marina Dockage 440-466-7565 or e-mail: genevamarina@windstream.net

****In addition to hotel and shuttle reservations, please confirm that you will be
attending this event by e-mailing President Debbie Light at
dlightful759@sbcglobal.net**



SAVE THE DATE

2018 IOBG ANNUAL MEETING AND BALL

Honoring President Elect Tony Durieux and Lady Sandi

And the 2018 International Board

OCTOBER 18TH - 21ST, 2017

WESTLAKE DOUBLETREE INN

1100 Crocker Rd., Westlake, Oh. 44145

***Dinners and excursions are planned for all to area shopping,
wineries and yacht clubs.***

Registration forms and information to follow soon.

Please check the IOBG website at:

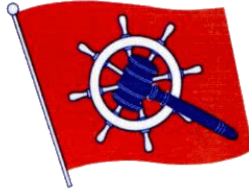
www.iobg.org or the District 7 website at: www.iobgdistrict7.com for upcoming details.

Hospitality room will be hosted by District 7

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