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President Lloyd Bogue

Thank- you for allowing me to serve as your 2018 president of District # 7. It's is an honor to serve in this position. I will give you 100% of my energy to make district 7 the best we can be. I look forward to serving with your newly elected E-Board too and a special welcome to Ron White as he steps up and take over as the new Northeast VP. I would like to thank Debbie Light for her service as our President this past. I would also like to thank Debbie Yearick for service as the IOBGA president. We appreciate everything the Auxiliary does with and for us! Congratulations Rhonda Rich for being elected this year's IOBGA President. Rhonda and I will work very hard to make sure that 2018 ill be a fun one.



One of the things that we will do is have a well- planned year for your enjoyment. I have included this year's complete calendar with this chatter. We are starting out the year with a bang, as we bring back the Sunday Brunch at Sandusky Yacht Club on November 19th. This is right after the GCBA Commanders Ball at Kalahari Resort. Congratulations to Commander Aune as he starts his year as the new Commander. I would also like to thank P/C Linda Leff for service as their Commander. The other organization that we are closely tied to is the I-LYA. Their final event for this year's Commodore Andy Krotseng (Edgewater Yacht Club) is his winter meeting on December 1 & 2 at the Doubletree Hotel in Westlake. We will be hosting a pizza party Friday night along with District 9, so come on by and enjoy a slice of pizza with your fellow Gavel members.

Like I stated earlier we have started out with a bang, this year our District was the host for the International Meeting on October 18-22. A lot of our fellow members worked on this committee for 2 years to pull off this fantastic event. Congratulations to our very own Tony Dureiux as he was elected this years President. Trish Gravens and her committee did a great job in making sure the rest of the country felt welcome in District 7.

Another event that we are bringing back is the Annual Holiday Christmas Party on December 8 at Lakeside Yacht Club. So get your reservation into Rhonda at rhonda.rich@huntington.com. Once again we will be putting on our Blue Blazer event at Northeast Yacht Club in March. There has been a little screw up by yours truly as to the date since we forgot to check when Easter was for the coming year. If everything is ok at NEYC we plan on having the event on March 11th from 2-4 pm. More to come!

The St. Patrick's Day Parade event will also be coming in March. We are selling Green t-shirts for the event to offset some the expenses for the low, low price of \$20. Larger sizes are just \$2 additional and we have men's and women's sizes. More to Come on this fun, fun activity too!

I urge you to visit our website www.iobgdistrict7.com on regular bases to keep current on what is happening in our district. I also encourage each of our chapters to send events and pictures of your chapter activities into our webmaster John Wierzchowski so he can post them on our site. First Vice President Kathy McCarthy will be working along with John to re-activating our Facebook page too. So like us when you see the site up and running. In closing I hope you will take an active part in this year's Gavels events as we strive to give you the best bang for your BUCK. Lastly Rhonda and I hope you and your families have a wonderful holiday Season!

Happy Holidays!!

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Upcoming Events:

November 17-19

GCBA Commander Ball. Kalahari Resort

December 1-3

ILYA Fall Meeting

Doubletree Westlake

December 8—IOBGA District7 Christmas Party. Lakeside Yacht Club

First VP Kathryn McCarthy

Hello IOBG Members,

It's so hard to believe that we are at the end of our 2017 boating season. Where did the time go? I hope everyone got to enjoy their season. Now we just have to start the countdown to spring launch!

I was unable to attend the IOBG Annual Convention Meeting and President's Ball honoring Tony Durieux and Lady Sandy, but I heard from some that attended that it was a wonderful event. My husband and I were vacationing in Riviera Maya, Mexico. I'd like to congratulate Tony and Lady Sandy and the 2017-2018 officers.

I also missed the District 7 Change of Watch meeting, but I'd like to congratulate all the 2017-2018 officers.

I am looking forward to attending the Commander's Ball being held at Kalahari in November. It will be my first time attending. Hope to see many of you there.

The holidays will be upon us before we know it, so in advance I'd like to wish everyone a happy holiday season.

Thank you, Kathryn McCarthy

First Vice President



Treasurer—John Sukis



Treasurer's Report:

It is hard to believe the year 2017 has gone by so fast. Seems like each year gets shorter and shorter. The boats are out of the water except for a few and our focus turns to the passing of the reigns to a new flag for I-LYA, GCBA and IOBG. Congratulations to all. An especially good time was had at the Presidents Ball for incoming International President Tony Durieux from our own District 7.

2018 District 7 dues invoices have been emailed to the membership this past week and due January 1, 2018. I received nine returned invoices for undeliverable email addresses. Those have been resent via U.S. Mail. Please verify your contact information and return any corrections along with your dues payment. If you have not received emails or follow up dues notices from this office please contact me by phone 440-570-4921 or email john@sukiscpa.com to verify your contact information. There is also a blank 2018 dues notice invoice on the website.

On a personal note I would like to thank all who supported me in the VeloSano 4 Bike to Cure for Cancer Research at the Cleveland Clinic last July. This year's effort raised \$4,175,943 for Cancer Research at the Clinic. I will participate again in the 2018 VeloSano 5 Bike to Cure. Anyone wishing to participate in event and bike along with me on Team Sail ON please let me know. Perhaps we can make this a District 7 team and have District 7 be recognized as a boating organization that continues to promote boating and community.

Wishing you all the best and enjoy a joyous Holiday Season.

John P. Sukis, Treasurer

IOBG District 7

Cleveland Central VP Tim Yearick

Hello All,

Another boating season has come and gone. I can't believe how fast the time goes by. This was the finest boating season weather wise I can remember in my 30 years of boating. We had a great year in District 7 starting off with the Blue Blazer in March, which was hosted by my club, North East Yacht Club, and culminating with D7 hosting the COW for the International and swearing in Tony Durieux as the International President.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you this coming weekend at the GCBA Commander's Ball in Sandusky. Best of luck to Chris Aune and the Bridge of GCBA in 2018. Hats off to past Commander Linda Leff as the Commander of GCBA. I will be heading up the Winter Rendezvous (Bowling Tournament) again this year. Registration forms will be mailed in the next week to all of last year's captains. We are always looking to add more teams. If you would like to bowl the last 2 Sundays in January give me a call.

In October, IOBG D7 had our change of watch at Forest City Yacht Club. A big thanks to Debbie Light and last year's bridge for all their hard work and dedication. I look forward to working with Lloyd Bogue and the new bridge as we kick off a fun filled year in 2018.

Wishing all of you in D7 Happy Holidays and a happy and healthy year 2018.



Northwest VP Patrick Waitkus



Congratulations to the new Board! The Change of Watch was a delightful day!

I wish you all well in your respective roles! As your new VP of the Northwest Chapter I look forward to visiting each of our Clubs beginning with our District 7 Sunday Brunch at Sandusky Yacht club. I look forward to seeing other fellow yachtsmen and women at: All Ports YC, Catawba West Harbor YC, Commodores Cruising Club, Dock of the Bay YC, Harbor Bay YC, Middle Bass Island YC, Point YC, and South Shore Cruising Club. And please, if any of you in this chapter wish to reach out to me, please feel free to do so. Your input is always welcomed and appreciated. Please have a safe and Wonderful Thanksgiving, as we are reminded on that day, that thankfulness or humble gratitude is our most precious gift to our friends and family. Have a Merry Christmas & Happy New Boating Year!

Fair Winds and Following Seas!



Northeast VP Ron White

I am very pleased to be asked and accepted into Blue Gavel District 7. This past year I was Commodore at Catawba West Harbor Yacht Club.

I am also a member of Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club for the past 20 years. I decided to be more involved and become Commodore at CWHC after my wife was the first female Commodore at CLYC in 65 years. I am so glad I decided to be more active and I am pleased to be the V/P of North East District 7.

I am looking forward to a great 2018 and look forward to meeting new people. We have many events planned on the calendar for 2018.

I hope to see you there.

V.P. Ron White CWHYC

*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*



Cleveland East VP Pat White

Hard to believe the boating season is once again over. I hope everyone had a great summer. We are looking forward to 2018 and all the events that will be on the calendar.

I am looking forward to being your V/P for 2018. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance for the good of the organization. My phone number is 440-256-9714 and my email is ronpatdale@roadrunner.com

V.P. Pat White, CLYC

*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*

Members-at-Large

Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday Season!

President IOBGA Auxiliary – Rhonda Rich



District 7 auxiliary is looking forward to a very busy year. We held our change of watch October 17th at Forest City Yacht Club. The following officers were elected:

Rhonda Rich, President

Beth McKee, Vice President

Marianne Dempster, Secretary

Mary Romano, Treasurer

Debbie Yearick, District director

We will be joining the gavel at Sandusky Yacht Club on November 19th for their fantastic Sunday brunch. Our annual Christmas party is Friday December 8th at Lakeside Yacht Club, all are welcome. Please rsvp to Rhonda Rich 440-812-6515 or rhonda.rich@huntington.com. On March 11th we will assist the gavel with our blue blazer event, inviting past commodores to see what we are all about. This event is great for potential members for the auxiliary too. On March 17th we will once again march in the St Patrick's day parade in downtown Cleveland. This is always a fun event because we also host a hospitality room. April brings our annual outing on the Nautica Queen. This is one of our biggest events. Last year we had over 100 in attendance and hope to have more this year. This is usually the first boat ride of the season and is scheduled for April 22nd. Our district is working on a new project that is in the beginning stages. We will have more information in the next edition of Chatter. We hope everybody has a happy holiday season.

CLEVELAND SHOWN BRIGHT FOR THE 2018 IOBG CONVENTION

The weather Gods were with us in October for the IOBG Convention. No one, even the Florida people, had a complaint. Thanks to Warren and Maryann Dempster for having an inviting Hospitality Room. Everyone enjoyed having the Hospitality Room available to just sit and chat whenever they wanted to. Thursday we had great steak roast overlooking Lake Erie put on by Beaver Park Yacht Club. Who would complain about a 2# Steak dinner and the soothing sounds of a steel drum not to mention the yummy cupcakes. Thanks to Shari and Bill Brello for handling the wine tasting event at John Christ Winery. It was then off to Lakeside Yacht Club for their popular Pasta Buffet. A big thanks goes out to John and Rosemary Sukis for multiple reasons. John was our treasurer for this event and assisted Rosemary in packing the Welcome bags. They both set up the participating stores for the Crocker Park Poker Run benefitting the IOBGHF. We raised a total of \$404.00 with half going to the fund. I hope everyone went home to their respective districts and talked about how a District is only as strong as its members. Great job District 7 for all the volunteer hours that went into this event - we shined!!!!

Submitted by Trish Graven IOBGA President 2007

2018 IOBG Dues Notice

IOBG Dues \$68.00 \$ _____
IOBGA Dues \$10.00 \$ _____
Humanitarian Fund Donation (Optional) \$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Mail to:

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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: _____

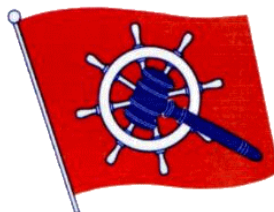
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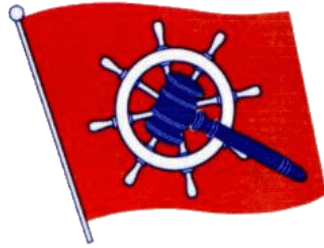
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Email address: _____

Spouse email address: _____





2018 Slate of Officers

President—Lloyd Bogue

President Elect—Dominique Sorbo

First Vice President—Kathryn McCarthy

Secretary—Warren Dempster

Treasurer—John Sukis

District Director—Debbie Light

Advisor to District Director—Rich McKee

Cleveland East Vice President—Pat White

Cleveland Central Vice President—Tim Yearik

Cleveland West Vice President—Lewie Kuhn

Northeast Vice President—Ron White

Northwest Vice President—Patrick Waitkus

Pennsylvania Vice President—Charlie Miller

Ohio Watershed—OPEN

Supply Officer—OPEN

Chatter Editor—Pat McIlwee

Website—John Wierschowski



**2017-2018 DISTRICT 7
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

October 14th		District 7 Change of Watch-Forest City Yacht Club
October 18-22 nd	2017	International Annual Meeting and Ball- Westlake,OH
November 11 th		E-Board Meeting @ Edgewater Yacht Club 10AM
November 17 th -19 th		GCBA Commanders Ball-Kalahari, Sandusky
November 19 th .		Brunch- Sandusky Yacht Club-Reservations required
December 1 st -2 nd		I-LYA Fall Meeting (District 7,& 9 Pizza Party Friday Night)
December 8 th		IOBGA- Holiday Party. (location TBA)
February 10 th		E-Board Meeting @ Inter City Yacht Club 10 AM
February 16 th -18 th		AYC Commodore's Ball- Perrysburg, OH
March 16 th -17 th		St. Patrick's Parade Cleveland-Arcade Parade/Party
March 25 th		Blue Blazer @ North East Yacht Club 2-4 PM
April 6 th -7 th		I-LYA Spring Meeting- Perrysburg
April 29 th		IOBGA Nautica Brunch Cruise (reservation required)
May 10 th		E-Board Meeting @ East Location TBA
May 28 th		Memorial Day Ceremony at the USS COD 9AM
June 22 nd -24 th		GCBA Rendezvous-Huron Boat Basin
June 23 rd		District 7 Cocktail Party-GCBA Rendezvous 2-3:30 PM
August 8 th -12 th		I-LYA Power Regatta-PIB
August 11 th		IOBG Cocktail Party @ PIBYC, District 7, 9, &25 Time TBA
*August 16 th -18 th		IOBG International Summer Meeting Erie PA(tentative)
September 6 th		E-Board Meeting@ HYC
September 21 st -23 rd		Annual Wine Tour-Geneva, Ohio (reservation required)
October 13 th		D-7 Change of Watch- FCYC Election
October /2018		IOBG- International Meeting





IOBG District 7



*& The IOBGA Cordially
Invite you to our*

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

December 8, 2017

Lakeside Yacht Club

4851 North Marginal Road

Cleveland, Ohio 44114

*Cocktail Hour: 6:30 - 7:30 pm * (Cash Bar)*

*Dinner: 7:30 pm * (Order off Limited Menu)*

PLEASERSVP by December 1st.

Call: Rhonda Rich @440-812-6515

E-Mail: Rhonda.rich@huntington.com

Dress Casual/Festive Attire is requested

*(*Payments are C/C Only)*

SAVE THE DATE



MARCH 17, 2018



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

Sunday April 22, 2018 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 440-268-1218.

Seating is limited, please reserve early. Reservations and payment due by April 10, 2018

Please make checks payable to IOBGA District 7

Payment may be sent to: Marianne Dempster- 35545 Lori Ann Dr., Eastlake, Ohio 44095

Thank you



International Order of the Blue Gavel

Summer Regional Meeting

August 16-18, 2018

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ERIE, PA

FUN FUN TIMES!!

**PARTY ON THE BAY AT BEAUTIFUL
ERIE YACHT CLUB**

DINNER CRUISE

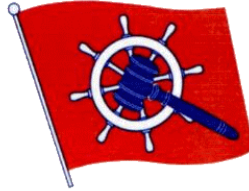
**TOUR OF THE BRIG NIAGARA
MUSEUM**

**ACCOMMODATIONS AT
THE SHERATON BAYFRONT HOTEL**

SAVE THE DATES

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