



IOBG District 7 Northcoast Chatter—September 2015

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President Warren Dempster



I hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable boating season. It seems like just yesterday my term as President of District 7 began. It has been a very busy and rewarding year. There are many people I would like to thank for making this year a success for the district.

First of all, a big THANK YOU to all of the District 7 members for once again making District 7 the largest district in the IOBG. We just narrowly edged out District 8 in Florida for having the largest membership. A huge part of this success goes out to the rest of the District Vice Presidents and Board Officers for all their continued hard work. I personally would like to thank all of you for your continued support and commitment to District 7 and the IOBG. This year proved to be a challenging year for D-7. We worked through a few issues and I feel that for the upcoming 2016 year, we are prepared for, and anticipate a great year under President Rich McKee and his board. I look forward to working with Rich as the District Director, and after working along with him on the GCBA board, I can assure you he will move this district forward in 2016. Another thank you goes out to our District Director, Gene Mckeown for stepping up and filling the position of District Treasurer for the remainder of 2015. We look forward to welcoming incoming Treasurer John Sukis for 2016. We also welcome two new area Vice Presidents to the board. Kathy McCarthy from Riversedge Y.C. will run to fill the position of Northeast V.P. and Lewie Kuhn from Vermilion B.C. will run to fill the position of Northwest V.P. These positions will become effective after the elections at our Change of Watch in October.

Congratulations goes out to the IOBG President, Joel Kay and Lady Nancy for leading the IOBG through 2015. It has been an honor for District 7 to be represented at the International level. District 7 also is represented by Second Vice President Tony Durieux and Lady Sandi who will now begin planning the 2018 International meeting and ball which will be held in Cleveland in October of 2017 in which Tony will be installed as the International President. District 7 has pledged our full support again for this event. Also on the International level, North Central V. P. Mark Vadaj and Lady Robin will be once again be representing Districts 7, 9, 23 & 25. So as you can see, District 7 is very involved not only currently, but for the future on the International level. Both myself and incoming First V.P. Lloyd Bogue will be attending the International annual meeting in Marathon this October to represent District 7.

We had many events planned for this past year and most were very well attended. Along with Districts 9 & 25, we held a cocktail reception at the I-LYA power regatta at PIBYC and a cocktail party at the GCBA Rendezvous in Huron. We were honored to have International President Joel Kay speak on behalf of District 7 at the GCBA Memorial Day Ceremony aboard the USS Cod. I would like to thank both organizations for allowing District 7 to participate in their events. Congratulations go out to I-LYA Commodore Duane Burgoyne and GCBA Commander Lloyd Bogue for a job well done. On St. Patrick's Day, District 7 along with members from District 9 marched in the Cleveland parade for the third straight year. Our Blue Blazer was a success again this year as we inducted new members into the IOBG that evening. Our upcoming event, the wine tour in Geneva looks to be another fun event.

I would like to thank the District 7 Auxiliary, led by President Mary Romano for all their hard work and support this year. We look forward to the annual Nautica brunch which kicks off the boating season for the district. I would also like to thank both our chatter editor Pat McIlwee and webmaster John Wierzychowski for their never ending work. Both do an outstanding job and District 7 has had many compliments regarding our newsletter and website.

In closing, I would again like to thank all the District 7 members, Executive Board, District Committees and my wife, Marianne, who have worked so hard this year to make our District the success it was. Hope to see everyone at our Change of Watch in October. Warren Dempster

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Upcoming Events

- **Geneva Wine Tour
September 18-20**
- **Change of Watch
October 10
Forest City YC**
- **IOBG Annual Meeting, Marathon, FL
October 22-24**

President Elect Rich McKee

I can't believe that the summer is almost over and we will be getting our boats ready to take out of the water soon. I know I am trying to schedule a few more trips in before calling it a season.

This was a great summer and we kept very busy with all of the events planned and just enjoying taking our boats out on the water.

It was good to see everyone that attended any of the IOBG Events scheduled this summer and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved. It does take a lot of work to put on these events and we have a great group that work hard for these events. It was a great year under the leadership of President Dempster and I look forward to representing all of you next year. Warren did a great job so the pressure is on me to do the same.

We have a few new members to the 2016 IOBG Bridge and I look forward to working with each member to schedule another great year in IOBG. We will continue in the great IOBG Tradition.

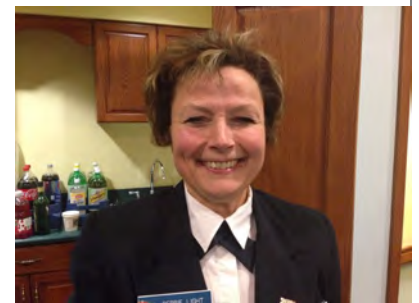


Northwest VP Debbie Light

I hope everyone enjoyed this Labor Day weekend. The weather was absolutely gorgeous. It is hard to believe that boating season will soon be coming to an end. I have no work to do with my boat because I was unable to put in this season due to a knee injury! We will see what happens next year!

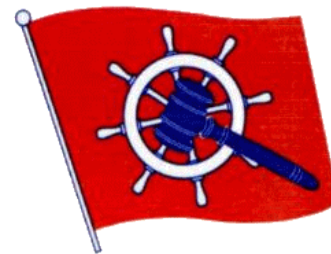
I had the pleasure of attending the ILYA Power Regatta in August. Unfortunately I caught a stomach bug and was in and out for the duration of the regatta. Still had a great fun filled time with great bunch of friends!

As always, please keep up the Chatter, there are many opportunities to get to know other IOBG members and create new memories.



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 Sandusky Yacht Club
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 Harbor Bay Yacht Club*

District Director Gene McKeown

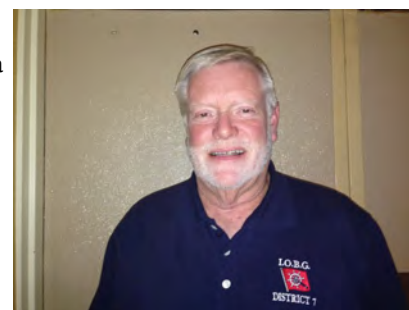


District Director's Report

On Monday August the 10th, I, as well as several members of District 7, attended the funeral of PC Darlice Ogletree (Tree). Tree's family asked the district to provide "The IOBG Final Voyage Service" as part of his funeral service. We were all very honored and pleased to attend and provide this service.

Tree was a Past Commodore of Intercity Yacht Club. He was an inspiration to the members of his club and will be missed by all. I hope all of you are aware that the "Final Voyage Service" is provided, upon request, for any current member of the Blue Gavel. Please take a minute to read the service, it is quite moving.

P/C John Doe A Memorial Service



A Member of The International Order of the Blue Gavel has embarked on his final Voyage. The tides of life have ebbed for a Shipmate and we, his fellow Members of The Blue Gavel, gather to honor his memory.

P/C John Doe was a valued member of The Blue Gavel. He gave abundantly of his time, talent and knowledge to further the interest of his shipmates in the promotion of good seamanship and sportsmanship upon the water.

John has set lofty goals for others who must take his place. His accomplishments are permanently inscribed in the achievements of The XYZ Yacht Club.

Now the Supreme Commander of the Universe has called our shipmate to sail with Him in eternal calm waters, forever free from the tempest of mortal life. We honor and cherish the memory of our shipmate, but we do not mourn for him – for he has found refuge in the great harbor of eternal peace.

Rather, it is for ourselves we mourn, for a good friend has slipped his mooring in the night and is no longer among us. We will miss his hand on the helm. We will miss his shoulder next to ours. We will miss his encouragement and counsel as we meet the storm and strife of life.

We of The Blue Gavel mourn our loss, but we are consoled by the abiding faith that, when the final watch changes for us and we too cross the bar; our shipmate will be waiting to guide us to safe anchorage.

"When our sailing nears its ending when our course is all but run, when this sense of past endeavor crowd upon us one by one, when we see in true perspective knowing wrong and knowing right, may we say, like Saul of Tarsus "I have fought a noble fight."

May we find our lifelong courses have not been steered in vain, lest the bearings we have plotted be reckoned out again. When we leave our earthly bodies buried deep in the sea or sod, may our endeavors be our glory, when we go to meet our God."



Northeast VP Lloyd Bogue

Where did the summer go??? Just seems like we were putting the boats in and now we are talking about winterizing them. I hope everyone had a fantastic summer with lots of great activities. Rhonda and I enjoyed the GCBA rendezvous and the ILYA power boat regatta just to mention a few. We still have a fun filled activity coming up in my backyard, (which is highly irregular) the wine tour at Geneva Lodge September 18-19th. Not sure if we still have room on the bus, but give them a call to see if there is room on the top of the bus.

Our change of watch is also just around the corner at Forest City Yacht Club on October 10th. Come and join us!! Happy Boating until then!

V.P. Lloyd Bogue AYC

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

First Vice President Cliff Gabriel



Cleveland East VP Pat White

Wow!! What happened to summer? Did we even have summer? Can't believe it will soon be time to put the boats away for a long winter's nap.

V.P. Pat White, CLYC

Chagrin River Yacht Club
Lake County Yacht Club
West Channel Yacht Club
Island West Yacht Club
Members at Large
Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club
Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club

The E-Board meeting will be held on September 10th at 7:00pm at Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club. I am looking forward to seeing everyone. I am excited for you to see all the new changes at our club. We have a new bar and a beautiful new pool.

I am looking forward to being your V/P for 2016. 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



President IOBGA Auxiliary – Mary Romano

It won't be much longer until our Boating Season is over; but there's still time to get some sun and enjoy our "Great Lake Erie"!

Despite all the rain and rough water we experienced in June and July, we have had a nice summer. May 25th was the date for the GCBA Memorial Day Ceremony on the USS COD. This is a very solemn event honoring our fellow boaters who have passed away during the year and it is an honor to be invited to participate.

Again this year District "7" hosted a Cocktail Party at the GCBA Rendezvous in Huron. Our members really enjoy this "Get Together". Everyone brings an appetizer, our "Gavel" provides the beverages and Boaters are greeting friends they have not seen since last summer.

District "7" co-hosted a Cocktail Party with Districts "9" and "25" at the I-LYA Regatta in Put-in-Bay in August. Another chance to see old friends!

On July 19th, I had the opportunity to attend the District "9" Auxiliary meeting at "Monroe Boat Club" with President Mary Kay Inguagiato. I was able to share our fund raising ideas with them and learn about activities they are planning.

Our "Change of Watch" is scheduled for October 10th at Forest City Yacht Club. We currently have 114 paid members; I would love to see a large turnout for this meeting. We want more members to become "active" with our Auxiliary.

Nominations for the District "7" Auxiliary Board for 2016:

President – Mary Romano

Vice President – Debbie Yearick

Secretary – Beth McKee

Treasurer – Rhonda Rich

District Director – Marianne Dempster

The 2015 International Meeting will be October 22-24 in Marathon, Florida. Our own Sandi Durieux will be sworn in as International Auxiliary President at this meeting. Sandi will be the seventh President from our District "7"!

As I conclude, I would like to add, we have lost a truly great asset to our boating community with the passing of GCBA Vice Commander Darlice Ogeltree. On behalf of IOBGA District "7" I would like to offer our condolences to the

Ogeltree family. He shall be greatly missed by all.



Secretary Dominique Sorbo



Ohio River Watershed VP—Pat Waitkus



As the Labor Day festivities fade, and our boats are soon to be prepped to go “on the hard”, our Chatter duty inspires me to reflect on this 2015 boating season. I have had a unique perspective for a pleasure boater these last four seasons as I have been putting in “sea time” on the Jet Express toward my USCG 100 ton Masters Certificate. This season, which required license renewal coinciding with my upgrade, has been especially busy every weekend. My only regret is the limited time afforded me to see my LYC and IOBG shipmates. I am pleased to report that I have tried to represent our generation well, with Jet mates sometimes over 35 years my junior! There are quite a number of hard working, eager, young future boaters that will soon be sailing in our wakes. I am proud to have shipped out with them.

Yes, working with the young crowds was at times challenging. Our roles ranged from deckhand, crowd control, medic, psychologist, to, in my case, “Dad”, as I coaxed young folks out of behavior that their parents likely would not want to know about! Likewise, 8-10 foot waves tested our sea legs as June provided its own surprises every weekend, with the Jet Express and Miller lines both closed for a full 24 hour period for the first time in 27 years.

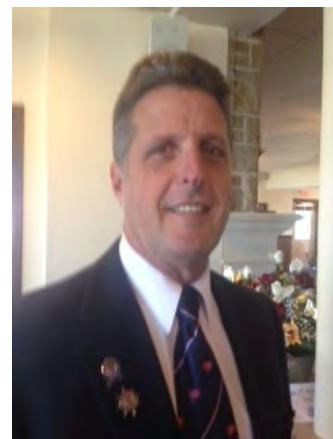
I wish all of you a safe haul out, and trouble free preparation for off season storage. In closing, I am proud to say that I have filed for my USCG Masters upgrade, and in the next years hope to see many of you from the Jet Express Pilothouse.

I hope this finds you all enjoying the beautiful weather we have had. In my 30+ years of boating, it is hard to remember a stretch of bright sunny days and a flat lake for as long as we have had. Labor Day weekend and the air show were fantastic! I hope you all had a fun filled summer! It was great to see you all at the events starting with GCBA Cod service on Memorial Day, then in Huron for the Summer Rendezvous, and then the ILYA Regatta. This was my 1st time attending and what a blast. Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end, and the time has come to start thinking about de-commissioning and shrink wrap.

District 7 has some upcoming events beginning with the Wine Tour on Sept 19th, and then the Change of Watch in Oct. Hope to see you at these events!

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Edgewater Marina Boat Club
Northeast Yacht Club
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Inter –City Yacht Club
Lakeside Yacht Club
Forest City Yacht Club
Cleveland Yachting Club*



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Cleveland West VP Bill Blakeslee Jr

*Vermilion Yacht Club
Vermilion Harbor Yacht Club
Vermilion Boat Club
Beaver Creek Boat Club
Beaver Park Yacht Club
Huron Yacht Club
Lorain Sailing & Cruising Club
Westlake Yachting Club
Laguna Yacht Club*



2016 IOBG Dues Notice

IOBG Dues \$68.00 \$ _____

IOBGA Dues \$10.00 \$ _____

Humanitarian Fund Donation (Optional) \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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Please list all of the following for Roster Information:

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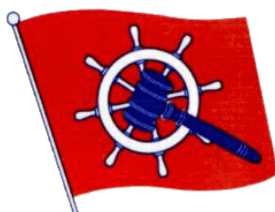
State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Spouse email address: _____



Summer of Fun!



Meet the Candidates

Lewie Kuhn

Born Lorain, Ohio

Attended the University of Akron, earning a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Employed as president at Kuhn Fabricating, Inc. Lorain, Ohio.

I have 2 boys Michael age 21 and Kevin age 17.

My fiancé is Shari Whiteleather.

I grew up boating on Lake Erie. My family has had a boat since I was 6 months old.

I have been from Toronto, Canada to the North channel and all over Lake Erie.

I presently have a 31 ft Rinker, we bought this year, and have been having a great time with it.

I was Commodore of the Vermilion Boat Club in 2013, that was the year of our club's 100th anniversary, and we put on quite a celebration.

I am currently president of our Blue Gavel Chapter at the VBC.

I am looking forward to getting involved with Blue Gavel organization and meeting all the members.

John P Sukis

2015 Candidacy for Treasurer of District 7

I am asking you to support my candidacy for Treasurer of District 7. Currently my Wife Rosemary and I are members of Edgewater Yacht Club since 2009. Prior to our joining EWYC we were 20 year members of Lorain Sailing and Yacht Club and continue today as an Honorary Member and Past Commodore. I served the Boards of LSYC and the former Lorain Yacht Club. Holding most flag offices including Commodore in 1999. I was instrumental in the merger of the two clubs in 1996, the renewal of the club lease with the City of Lorain in 1999 and worked tirelessly to gain the support of membership, City and Port Authority of Lorain of the need for a new floating dock system in the Lorain basin. I was a member of the construction committee and blue gavel committee that developed and managed the installation of the new docks in 2002.

Upon joining Edgewater I became involved in the effort to build the pool and helped to finance with the purchase of bonds. I have been the Pool Committee Chairman for the last four years, a member of the Planning Committee and was involved in developing the 2020 Vision Plan. I was also a member of the Budget Committee in 2013, 2014 and 2015. I was elected as a Trustee of Edgewater in 2014 and currently serving a three year term.

As a member of the International Order of the Blue Gavel District 7 I have served as the District Secretary and Vice President. I was also a member of the 2014 Annual Meeting Committee which was held here in Cleveland October 16th thru 19th where EWYC Past Commodore Joel Kay was installed as the National President of the IOBG serving the boating community nationally.

I am a Certified Public Accountant with over 35 years of experience providing accounting, tax and business advice to small business and individuals. I retired last December and I would like to reallocate my time to my other interests especially my love of sailing and racing and District 7. Believing my professional experience and my experiences in the sailing and boating club organizations will help me to be a productive Treasurer of District 7 who will hold the best interests of the District as the highest priority. I would be most honored if you select me as your Treasurer.

GCBA Rendezvous Huron OH



Summer Fun



Slate of 2016 Officers for District 7 IOBG

Advisor to the District Director- Gene Mckeown

District Director-Warren Dempster

President-Rich Mckee

President Elect-Debbie Light

First Vice President-Lloyd Bogue

Secretary- Dominique Sorbo

Treasurer- John Sukis

Ohio River Watershed Vice President- Pat Waitkus

Northwest Vice President-Lewie Kuhn

Cleveland West Vice President- Bill Blakeslee

Cleveland Central Vice President- Tim Yearick

Cleveland East Vice President- Pat White

Northeast Vice President- Kathy McCarthy

Pennsylvania Vice President- Charlie Miller



International Order of the Blue Gavel

The Association of Past Commodores

IOBG District 7 Change of Watch Membership Meeting
Saturday, October 10, 2015, Doors Open Noon, Meeting 1:00 pm
Forest City Yacht Club
5301 North Marginal Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44114
DRESS CODE: Dress blues/grey

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call of officers

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting

Secretary's report/Correspondence

Treasurer's report

Officer's reports:

President	Warren Dempster
President Elect	Rich McKee
1 st Vice President	Cliff Gabriel
Secretary	Dominique Sorbo
Treasurer	Gene McKeown
District Director	Gene McKeown
Advisor to the District Director	Pat McIlwee
Cleveland Central V.P.	Tim Yearick
Cleveland West V.P.	Bill Blakeslee, Jr.
Cleveland East V.P.	Pat White
Northeast V.P.	Lloyd Bogue
Northwest V.P.	Debbie Light
Ohio River Watershed V.P.	Pat Waitkus
Pennsylvania V.P.	Charles Miller
Chatter Editor	Pat McIlwee
Supply Officer	Lou Key
Webmaster	John Weirzchowski

COW Swearing-in of new Officers

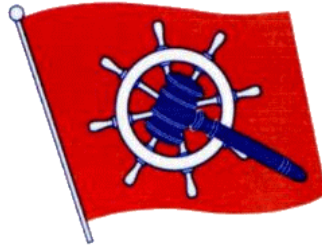
Old Business:

New Business:

Approve 2015 Budget

Auxiliary President report

Swearing-in of new members



IOBG D7 Calendar

October 11th-	District 7 Change of Watch-Forest City Y.C.
October 16th-19th	International Annual meeting and Ball-Beachwood, Ohio
November 7th-9th	GCBA Commanders Ball-Beachwood, Ohio
November 15th	E-Board meeting at Northeast Y.C.
December 5th-7th	I-LYA Fall meeting (Districts 7,9 & 25 pizza on Friday night)-Westlake, Ohio
February 5th-8th	IOBG Regional meeting (D-15) in San Diego, California
February 20th-22nd	AYC Commodore's Ball-Perrysburg, Ohio
March 7th	E-Board meeting@ TBD
March 8th	Brunch Cleveland Yacht Club
March 17th	St. Patrick's Parade in Cleveland
March 26th	Blue Blazer @ Bratenahl Place
March 27th-28th	I-LYA Spring meeting-Perrysburg, Ohio
April 26th	IOBGA Nautica brunch cruise
May 14th	E-Board Meeting @ Huron Y.C.
May 17th	IOBGA Fashion Show at Beaver Park Yacht Club
May 25th	Memorial Day Ceremony at the USS COD
June 19th-21st	GCBA Rendezvous-Huron, Ohio
August 8th	I-LYA power regatta-August 8th-IOBG Cocktail party at PIBYC
September 10th	E-Board meeting
September 18th-20th	Annual Wine Tour-Geneva, Ohio
October 10th	D-7 Change of watch

3rd Annual IOBG District 7 Wine Tour



September 18-20, 2015
The Lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake

Come by Car or Boat

Friday, September 18

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 19

Arrive at Lodge no later than 11am, tour bus departs at 11:30am

Wine tour info to follow after the first of the year.

Dinner at the Lodge at 5:30pm (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 20

Breakfast Buffet at the Lodge. Check out at 11 am

Lodge room rates: Friday—Standard Double \$129.00, Premium King--\$175.00

Saturday—Standard Double \$159.00, Premium King \$199.00

(plus 14.75% bed tax respectively)

A block of 15 rooms has been reserved for IOBG District 7. Mention group ID 4G81HE

Shuttle tour: \$25. for hotel guests, \$30. for non-guests. Shuttle info to follow after first of year.

Reservation due date August 4, 2015

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 Warren Dempster at wcyc40@yahoo.com or 440-725-7731.



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