

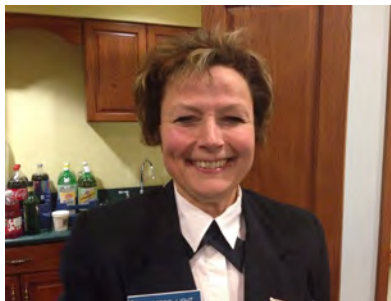


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President Debbie Light



WOW! Another boating season is coming to an end. Where did the time go! As time goes, this is closing the year to my term as President IOBG district 7. It has been a privilege and my pleasure to serve as President 2017 of this great organization.

At the beginning of this year, we worked very hard to put together this busy calendar with a variety of events in order for all to participate. I hope you had the opportunity to attend one of the events. It is an honor to speak at the USS Cod for the GCBA Memorial day parade; unfortunately I was called into work and my bridge went into action and I can't say THANK YOU enough for their timely efforts to jump in and save the day. Next event was the GCBA rendez-vous cocktail party held on Saturday at the Huron boat basin. Thanks to all members for participating in this awesome event. We also need to thank our auxiliary, Debbie Yearick President and her team, for their efforts in this event. The weather was awesome and everyone had a great time! Next was the ILYA Regatta at Put n Bay.... The weather was great as well, District 7, 9 & 25 put on this party but this year District 7 was the host. I was honored to give the speech and kick off this cocktail party. We are thankful for Put n Bay Yacht club for hosting our event. There was a great deal of fun and networking at this event. We still have a few more events planned for the remainder of the year: Our 5th annual wine tour at Geneva on the lake lodge 9/8/17 – 9/11/17. Our annual change of watch is scheduled for October 14th at 12:30 am at Forest City Yacht Club. Most important date to remember is IOBG annual meeting & ball October 18th -21st at Double Tree in Westlake, OH District 7 will be hosting this.

In closing, I want to thank my entire team (Bridge, VP & auxillary) for all their help and guidance in my 2017 year! I hope that everyone will be able to extend the boating season as long as you can safely! Once again I am honored to be your 2017 District 7 President. Safe boating always!

Election Edition

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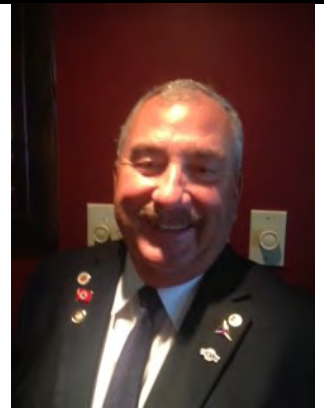
Sep 8-10 [IOBG D7 Annual Wine Tour](#)
Geneva, OH

October 14—IOBG
District7 Change of
Watch. Forest City
Yacht Club

October 18—IOBG
International Change
of Watch for Tony
Durieux

**DoubleTree, Westlake,
OH**

President Elect Lloyd Bogue



Wow ! What happened to the summer? It just flew by. That sure is a sign that it was a busy one. Many thanks to **all** that purchased raffle tickets for our fundraiser for the International President elect Tony Durieux. We were able to sell all of the tickets for him and make a contribution to offset some of his ball expenses, PLUS make a contribution to the IOBG Humanitarian fund. I am not sure who had the winning ticket for the cooler of cheer, but I know it wasn't me. While I am talking about PE Durieux I would like to invite everyone to attend his International Meeting & Ball in Cleveland, Ohio on October 18th-21 at the Doubletree at Crocker Park. See the flyers enclosed! This is a great opportunity to see first hand the inner workings of the IOBG and meet new friends from around the country. I would also like to thank PP Warren Dempster for all of his hard work on taking care of the raffle and on keeping us on track! The free cocktail party at the GCBA Rendezvous at Huron Boat Basin was another fun filled event for our members and all that attended the rendezvous. The Gavel appreciates all that supported us and them at this annual event! There has been some confusion regarding this event that it was only open to the people that attended the rendezvous, this is **incorrect!** This event is open to all gavel members, so please plan on attending next June 23, 2018.

PP Rich McKee did a fantastic job this year as the I-LYA Powerboat Chairman at Put in Bay in August. Many of you attended the Cocktail Party at PIB Yacht Club that we held in conjunction with District 9 & 25. President Light hosted the event this year and did an outstanding job in coordinating this event for all 3 of the districts. I-LYA Commodore Andy Krotseng was honored with the presentation of a plaque for his service. Thank-you Andy for a **Great Job!** He is another District # 7 member, hailing from Edgewater Yacht Club. This year we receive a generous donation from **Skipper Bud's** to offset some of our expenses for this event. All 3 of our District appreciated their financial support and look forward to working with them again in the future. I would also like to thank Capt. Pat Waitkus for his help in securing these funds.

I would like to thank all that sponsored a new member this year, we had 21 new members in the district at the IOBG year end 8/1/17. This is wonderful, but we didn't catch District 8 for the top spot again this year. I hope we can next year! Another thing that I am proud of is the fact that we had a 92% retention rate! Your e-board is working hard to make sure that all members feel that they are getting a good value for the money spent. We are continuing to look for things that will enhance your membership dollars, so stay tuned for further developments.

Our change of watch will be at Forest City Yacht Club on Oct 14, 2017 starting at 12:30pm. So please mark your calendars for this free event with food and adult beverage for all that attend.

I have been working hard on planning for next year's events and activities and I have enclosed the calendar of event for the up-coming year. I am bringing back 2 great events right out of the box starting in November. The GCBA will be having there Commanders Ball on November 17-18th at the Kalahari Resort & Convention Center in Sandusky Ohio. They will be installing another one of our members as there Commander for 2018, Chris Aune from Chagrin River Yacht Club. The gavel will be having a brunch at the Sandusky Yacht Club on Sunday November 19th. Reservations are required and the information sheet is enclosed in the chatter. The second event that we are bringing back is the Annual Holiday Party. As in the past we are doing this event in conjunction with the IOBGA. This year's event will be held on December 8th. We are still working out the details as far the location and costs are concerned, but I am trying to get a centralized location for all. We hope you will plan on joining us for these activities. Without **your help and support** these events are just that, so come on and get involved and enjoy the new friendships that can be gained from these experiences.

First VP Dominique Sorbo



Secretary Report

The Executive Board of District 7 has approved the following bylaw change to be voted on by the membership at the October change of watch :

Article V

Section 6: All financial requests made to District 7, must first be presented to the District 7 executive board for investigation and approval before being presented to the district membership for approval at the annual meeting in October.

District Director Rich McKee



I can't believe that this year's Boating Season is almost over – where has the time gone? I hope that everyone was able to take advantage of the full calendar of events that this year's IOBG Bridge put together. There were a variety of events scheduled and I know I tried to attend as many as possible.

President Debbie Light and her 2017 Bridge did a fantastic job this year. The events were well attended and I believe that everyone had a great time. I would personally like to thank District 7 (along with District 9 and 25) for their support in hosting the IOBG Cocktail Party during I-LYA Powerboat Regatta. I was glad to see so many people come over for the day that were not there for the entire regatta.

The annual Wine Tour is scheduled for the weekend of 09/08/17 – 09/10/17 and Change of Watch is set for October which will end the 2017 Calendar. I would like to thank President Debbie for representing District 7 this year and to her Bridge and Vice Presidents for another great year.

I would like to wish President Elect Lloyd Bogue good luck for the upcoming year and know that Lloyd and his Bridge are ready for a great 2018. I know Lloyd has been hard at work finalizing his plans and look forward to what will be scheduled for next year.



**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](#)

Northwest VP Lewie Kuhn

I hope this finds you all enjoying the last few weeks of the boating season.

I am your new Cleveland West VP. transferring over from Northwest VP. I am a member of the Vermilion Boat Club and in live in Vermilion. I look forward to meeting the Blue Gavel members and visiting the clubs in my new district. Please contact me with any items you want to get in the Chatter or on our web site. We have a few events left this year. October 14 is the D7 change of watch at Forest City Yacht Club, and Oct 18 - 21 is the IOBG International Meeting and Ball at the Westlake Double tree Inn. All information on these events can be found in this Chatter edition or on the web site. I look forward to seeing many of you at the coming events.

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.

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

Ohio Watershed VP Patrick Waitkus



In this post Harvey, and Irma shocks, and the 9/11 sixteenth memorial well on our minds, I am reminded that we should be so very grateful. Grateful for our outgoing Officers for their hard work. Thankful for our incoming officers for their promise and commitment. May we all be grateful for the first responders we all count on. Proud to be Americans and thankful for our neighbors who rush to our aid when in need. Proud and thankful of the "Cajun Navy" who saved lives and property alongside our traditional safety forces. Despite terrorism and natural disasters, we should all be proud and grateful to be Americans with the freedoms we share. Thankful for folks like the "Cajun Navy" who served their fellowman. Our small service that we provide to boating with IOBG is an honor and pales by comparison but I, personally am grateful to work with all of you! So let us celebrate, honor, and show our gratitude daily for our first responders, military, and our safety forces!



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*

Northeast VP Kathryn McCarthy

Hello IOBG Members,

All I have to say is..... Where did the season go? I can't believe we are already approaching the end of our 2017 boating season. Soon we will all have to say good bye to our beloved boats for another long winter season.

However, there are still many fun events happening that you can enjoy. I know most of the individual clubs still have events scheduled after boating ends, so be sure to share information regarding events at your home club, and check out events at other clubs. My home club (REYC on the Grand River) has a clam-bake scheduled for September 23rd. Tickets are \$27.00 for chicken dinner with clams, \$34.00 for steak dinner with clams. Cash bar, sideboards, dj and dancing. Fun time to be had. If anyone has interest in purchasing tickets, contact me at 216-470-2857. If Lake conditions allow, dockage can be arranged if you want to come by boat.

Also, October 18 – 21, the IOBG Annual Convention Meeting and President's Ball honoring Tony Durieux and Lady Sandy will be held at the Double Tree in Westlake. Be sure to get your registration and tickets for that event. Should be a fantastic event. I personally will be unable to attend as my husband and I will be in Mexico that week, celebrating our 40th anniversary!

Before I close, I'd like to send my sincere thoughts and prayers to all that have been affected by the hurricanes in Texas and Florida. Many of us have family and friends in those areas.

Hope everyone can enjoy what's left of the boating season to the very last moment!



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

Cleveland East VP Pat White

Where Did This Summer Go, But We Did Have A Lot Of Fun. The I-Lya Regatta, In August Was A Nice Time To See Everyone, Our Blue Gavel Cocktail Party At PIBYC, Had A Great Turn Out, And Great Weather. My Husband, And I, Had A Fun Time At The GCBA Rendezvous, At Huron Boat Basin, Wow What A IOBG District 7 Cocktail Party, Such A Great Job, And How Funny Our Son In Law Won The Big Booze Cooler, At Least I Sold, One Of The Winning Tickets, Hope To See Everyone At The Annual Meeting Oct 19 To Oct 22. V/P Pat White 440-256-9714

President IOBGA Auxiliary – Debbie Yearick



Our Boating Season is almost over; but there's still time to get some sun and enjoy our Great Lakes!

Boating for me this year was very limited due to weather and breaking my foot. Like we always say in Cleveland with our sports, there's always next year!!

May 29th was the date for the GCBA Memorial Day Ceremony on the USS COD. We had a good turn out from D7.

District "7" hosted a Cocktail Party at the GCBA Rendezvous in Huron. Our members really enjoy this event. 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! +

Our "Change of Watch" is scheduled for October 14th at Forest City Yacht Club.

We currently have 103 paid members. We are mailing invite postcards to our 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 2018:

President – Rhonda Rich

Vice President –

Secretary – Marianne Dempster

Treasurer – Mary Romano

District Director – Debbie Yearick

The 2017 International Meeting will be October 18-21 in Westlake, OH.

Our own Tony Durieux will be sworn in as International President at this meeting.

In closing, I would like to express a very special "Thank You" to our IOBGA Bridge and members. It has been an honor to represent our District as your President.

2018 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:

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

P/C of which Yacht Club: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

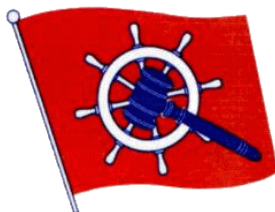
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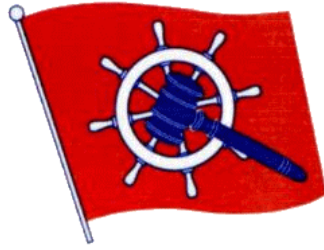
Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

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



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



**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 -19th		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 6th		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

Room Rates are \$149.00 per night plus tax (with no additional resort fee). Minimum 1-night stay.

Phone (877) 525-2427 for reservations.

Reservations must be made by Wednesday October 18, 2017 for GCBA discount.

Each night's stay includes 4 all day water passes – a \$200 value.

A great getaway weekend for the entire family!

Friday November 17th

6:00 - 12:00 PM Hospitality room opens. Complimentary cocktails provided. Yacht Club casual attire. Please bring an appetizer to share.

Saturday November 18th

9:00 - 10:00 AM Hospitality room open for Bloody Mary's & Mimosas
9:00 AM - 10:00PM Water Park open
2:00 - 4:00 PM Hospitality Room open
5:30 PM Officers Cocktail Reception in Hospitality Room
6:00 PM Cocktails (cash bar) in the Zambezi Room
6:45 PM Grand March/Parade of Officers
7:00 PM Dinner
7:45 PM Installation Ceremony
9:00 PM Hospitality Room will reopen for libations

Commander's Ball Dinner Menu

All guest will be served the Land & Sea Menu which consists of Pan seared chicken breast, bell pepper scallion sauce veloute, & North Atlantic haddock fillet with lemon butter panko topping, baby red potatoes, asparagus, classic Caesar salad & ebony & ivory double chocolate mousse.

Coffee

& soft drink included with meal. Cash bar on site for cocktails.



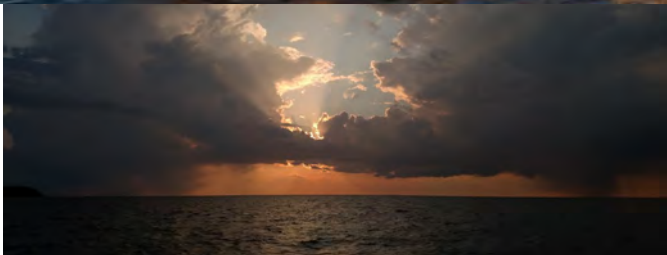
Name(s) _____ Phone # _____

Club Affiliation _____ Office/Title _____

of Dinners @ \$50 _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

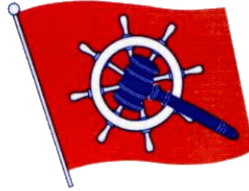
Deadline for dinners is Wednesday October 18, 2017. Please make checks payable to GCBA & mail to: Gail McKee 5584 E Skipper Drive Port Clinton, OH 43452 Phone (419) 797-0019



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