



# IOBG - District 7 Northcoast Chatter September, 2019

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IOBG—District 7  
September, 2019

**President - Pat White**



**Boating Season is  
Almost Over!**

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The year has gone fast for the boating season, almost ending. I hope everyone had a good boating season. High water levels made it a difficult season for some of us.

It was nice meeting everyone at the I-LYA Power Regatta cocktail party at Put-n-Bay. Thank you to District 25 for hosting along with District 9 and District 7.

District 7 Change of Watch is October 12, 2019 at Forest City Yacht Club at 12:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come. We have a position for a Vice President on the Blue Gavel Bridge. If you are interested, please contact District Director Lloyd Bogue or myself.

It has been a pleasure to serve as IOBG President. I thank everyone for their help.

Happy Labor Day.

Pat White  
President

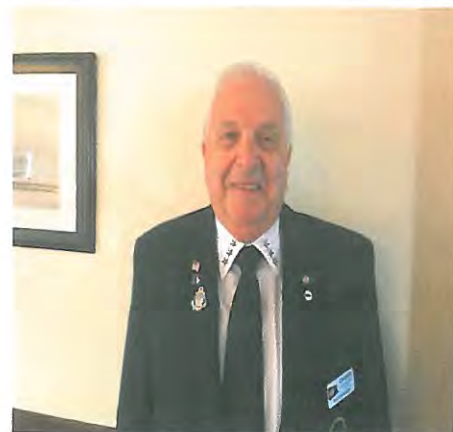


**Upcoming Events:**

**September 20—21  
Annual Wine Tour—  
Holiday Inn—Madison**

**COW—October 12th -  
Forest City Yacht Club**

## President Elect - Ron White



WOW, Labor Day is here already. The season flew by, with a lot of fun events.

The I-LYA Regatta was a fun time at Put-n-Bay, hosted by District 25 with help from District 9 and District 7. It was good to see a lot of friends. We enjoyed super weather.

Our home port, Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club, our Blue Gavel Chapter, is having our annual Comedy Night October 12, 2019. It is a lot of laughs. If anyone would like tickets, please contact me.

Hope to everyone at the Wine Tour September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> at Geneva.

Ron White  
President Elect





**First VP Patrick Waitkus**

**NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED AT THIS TIME**

## Treasurer—John Sukis



### Treasurer John Sukis

The district membership has surged since my last Chatter Article in May. While numbers have not been confirmed by the International as of this writing my records have our total membership to be 242. That was an impressive surge of new and renewal membership during the months of June and July.

Official membership as of last August 1st was 233 members. In 2019 we added 25 new members, 6 re-instated members, 16 members resigned and or failed to renew their membership and 6 of our members passed on to calmer waters with fair winds for a net gain of 9 members.

Any receipt of dues and or applications subsequent to August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 will be carried to 2020. I will as in the past begin invoicing for 2020 dues in December 2019. Dues are due on January 1<sup>st</sup> for the year 2020. Invoices will be sent via email to the email addresses I have on record. This saves the district a considerable amount of postage.

District 7 Dues for 2019 were \$68.00; Auxiliary Dues \$10.00. We asked the membership to make a voluntary donation to the Humanitarian Fund of \$10.00. Your donations to the IOBG Humanitarian fund for 2019 were \$1,138.00. The District will present a check to the Humanitarian Fund at the annual meeting in October.

Thank you for the continued support by all the Club Chapters that make up District 7 and for your generosity to the IOBG Humanitarian Fund.

John P Sukis, Treasurer  
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- Vermilion Harbor Yacht Club
- Vermilion Yacht Club
- Westlake Yachting Club

No article submitted at this time.

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Inter-City Yacht Club  
Lakeside Yacht Club  
Northeast Yacht Club



Hello All,

Is it possible summer is over already? Every boating season seems to go by faster than the previous one. The high water levels did put a bit of a damper on this summer. My dock at North East Yacht Club was under water most of June and all of July. I had to build a step at the dock so Debbie could get on the boat. The water has finally dropped below the catwalk for us.

Even with all the water, it was still fun going to Huron for the GCBA Summer Rendezvous and the D7 cocktail party. I missed the ILYA Regatta as my club had their annual cruise to Geneva, but I'm sure a good time was had by all.

That brings us to the fall line-up. The next event coming up is the Wine Tour Sept 20 and 21 with D9. That is always a good time!

Our change of watch takes place on Sat Oct 12<sup>th</sup> at Forest City Yacht Club. You are all cordially invited to attend the meeting and vote for the next bridge and then enjoy some cocktails and a light lunch.

Hope to see you all out and about.

Tim Yearick - VP Cleveland Central



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 Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club  
 Chagrin River Yacht Club

### MARINERS LOG

BY

**BOB STANLEY, M.S.A.**

As I write this article, Summer is just flying by, faster than a twin engine offshore cigarette boat.

Congratulations goes out to our Recorder Robert Berteau and Nobles Thomas Couch and Gregory Kita, who received their well earned 33° this past August in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

This scribe has just received word that our Commodore Ronn Murphy's father Henry Murphy passed away on Sunday, July 28. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Ronn and his family.

The 2019 Imperial Session is now history. Our Commodore and Chief Rabban Ronn Murphy represented the Al Koran Marines Yacht Club at the IASYC Change of Watch. During the Imperial Session, the new International Commodore Bill Davis, who is from Rizpah Shrines, was installed as IASYC 2019-2020 International Commodore.

The mystery question of the month is as follows: What famous Mason started a religious movement which still exists today?

There still is time to make plans for our Pine Lake Trout Club Rendezvous. Past Commodore Jack Hatendorf has made arrangements to have our Mariner's meeting on Thursday, September 19, at the Pine Lake Trout Club. Come early, fish and dine with your Mariner brothers and ladies.

On Saturday, September 21, the Mariners have been invited to join Districts 7 and 9 of the International Order of Blue Gavel (IOBG) for an afternoon of visiting four wineries in the Madison, Ohio, area. We will board the wine bus at 1200 hours and return to the Holiday Inn Express in Madison, Ohio, by 1800 hours.

There is one more parade for the 2019 season. This is the granddaddy of all Ohio parades. It is the Annual Grape Festival Parade in Geneva, Ohio, on Sunday, September 29. If you like parades, grapes, crafts, wine or wine burgers, you don't want to miss this one. It only happens once a year when Geneva is captivated with the wonderful aroma of grapes during this time of the harvest season.

If you have any questions regarding Mariners activities or membership, contact Commodore Ronn Murphy at 216-702-6785.

Plan to enjoy the last of the lazy, hazy, crazy days of Summer.

God's Speed

### Northeast VP—Kathryn McCarthy

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



It's hard to believe Labor Day is here. Where did the boating season go? Most of us had a rough start with a wet June and high water levels which caused flooding. A true Boater makes the best of the situation and moves on!

There is still fun to be had. The IOBG-D7 wine tour is fast approaching the weekend of September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. Rooms will be available at the Holiday Inn Express at Route 90 & Route 528. Be sure to get your reservations made if you would like to attend.

As for me, I will be unable to attend as my home club (River's Edge Yacht Club) has our annual Clambake on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Choice of Chicken and Clams or Steak and Clams is available; DJ, Sideboards, and more also. If anyone would have interest in joining me at our clambake, please let me know and I will get you tickets.

The Change of Watch will be held at Forest City Yacht Club on October 12<sup>th</sup> at noon. All are welcome. I know it's not "COW" yet, but I'd like to thank Pat White for serving as our President this year and to all the 2019 Officers for serving in their prospective rolls.

I hope you all get to enjoy what's left of the 2019 Boating Season! Here's hoping that 2020 will be even better!

Kathryn McCarthy  
 Northeast VP

P.S. I had a great time in Erieau, Canada over Labor Day Weekend with friends from REYC. Got to ride this antique double decker bus for a tour around Erieau.





**Northwest VP—Larry Uebbing**

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

Well i can't believe that we going into September already. I hope you are enjoying summer, now that it has finally arrived.

I do have an update on my last article on Bay Point Yacht club's request to leave IOBG district 9 to become part of District 7 family. They had requested a letter from the International that this is possible. I contacted the Incoming President Elect, and it would be brought up under new business during their summer meeting in Portland, OR. The International approved their request. We will have 10-12 past Commodores getting involved in Blue gavel again.

I am still working on visiting the other clubs in the Northwest area. If I haven't stopped by to say hello, i will soon. My home club, (VBC) Just completed a Blue gavel fund raiser (Pig Roast) to help fund a new outside bar. It was attend by over 150 people (What a turn out). Their blue gavel chapter will be also be hosting their Annual Commodore's Memorial clam bake on September 28th. Thank you, and safe boating.

Larry Uebbing

Northeast VP

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 Buckeye Lake Yacht Club  
 Earlville Yacht Club  
 Lake Milton Boat Club  
 Scioto Boat Club



Just like everyone else, I'm asking the question, "where did summer go"? Most people mark the passing of the years at when they celebrate New Year's Eve but for me, the end of boating season has always signified the passing of a year. When our kids were growing up, to me it meant one more year gone before they became adults and were on their own. I've always hated that last trip home from the boat in the fall, it meant that one more year had passed, one more trip around the sun completed.

Congratulations to Wade Groz, Wade is Secretary/Treasurer of Aladdin Mariners in Columbus and was selected as Aladdin's May Shriner of the Month! Wade is shown with Aladdin Potentate Rodney Holdren



When you look at the list of IOBG Vice Presidents and their areas, you may not be familiar with all of the Water Shed area clubs. One of the clubs you may never have seen or even heard of is Lake Milton Boat Club. LMBC is located at 84 Red Dog Ln; Craig Beach, Ohio. LMBC is an active part of the Lake Milton community and in conjunction with the Lake Milton Association, hosts many events for the enjoyment and benefit of the community.

Clubhouse for Lake Milton Boat Club



I hope your 2019 summer has been everything you hoped for, some relaxing time (nothing beats a boat nap!) some great trips, maybe catching some fish along with swimming, some parties at your club, visiting other clubs and making lots of memories to revisit over the winter as you snooze on the couch on those cold winter days.

Kristina (Kris) Truthan

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Presque Isle Yacht Club  
Sea Rangers Boat Club  
Syria Shrine Mariners

Pennsylvania VP—Charles Miller

**No Report Submitted at this time**

**FINAL VOYAGE**

Bill Bailey—Chagrin River Yacht Club  
Mike Polovic—Past Commander GCBA  
Zep Porterfield—Huron Yacht Club  
John Murphy—Western Reserve Yacht Club  
Carrie Peli—Point Yacht Club  
Neil Van Uum—Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club

If anyone has any members who have passed away and you would like to have their names published in the next “Chatter” please email me at [kmccarthy725@yahoo.com](mailto:kmccarthy725@yahoo.com)

**DISTRICT DIRECTOR—  
LLOYD BOGUE**

**Can you believe that summer is on the way out? As always our chapters and clubs have had a very busy summer! I hope everyone has enjoyed their events. The district still has a great event coming on September 20-21 at the Madison Holiday Inn Express, in Madison, Ohio. Our annual wine tour is that weekend in conjunction with district # 9. We will be visiting at least 5 local wineries in the heart of Ohio's wine country. We still have rooms to rent and room on the bus, so get your reservations in now! Please call the hotel direct at 440-397-4449, and email (11oydbogue@windstream.net) or call me ( 440-812-4242) for your bus reservations. The room rate is \$99/night and includes breakfast. The bus cost is \$30/ person and is payable the day of the event. See the enclosed flyer!**

**Thanks to Warren Dempster & Lady Marianne for putting together the cocktail party at the GCBA rendezvous in June, GREAT Job as always.**

**I would also like to congratulate Commodore Cindy Johnson-Mintus of I-L YA, for a fantastic job on this year's three regattas. All 3 area districts (7, 9 & 25) honored her at the annual cocktail party held at the Put in Bay Yacht Club during the powerboat regatta. Thanks to President Mike Brown (D-25) for hosting this event.**

**Our district is once again tops in the land, with 242 members! This is outstanding, thanks to all that helped recruit our new members.**

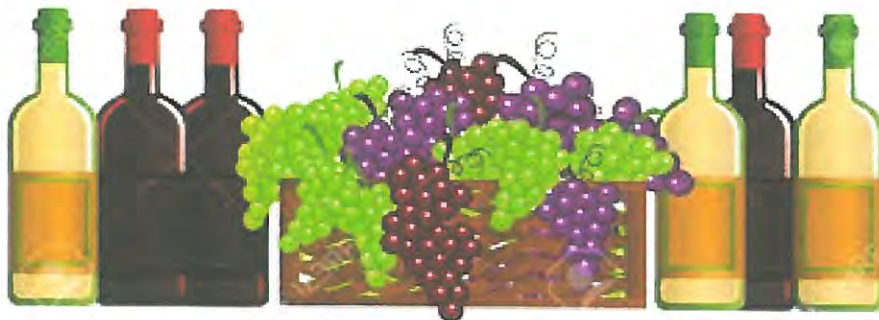
**Our change of watch is scheduled for October 12th at Forest City Yacht Club .The doors will open at 12 noon with the meeting to follow at 1 pm. Please plan on attending and thanking President White for a Great job on her year!**

**President IOBGA Auxiliary – Rhonda Rich**

District 7 has had a busy year. Since our last edition of Chatter we joined Greater Cleveland Boating Association for a memorial service aboard the USS Cod. This solemn event honors deceased members of our member yacht clubs. In June we assisted the Gavel in hosting a cocktail party at GCBA's summer rendezvous. In August we were in Put in Bay at the I-LYA Power Boat Regatta. Districts 25, 9, and 7 hosted a cocktail party honoring Commodore Cindy Johnson-Mintus.

In September the Gavel and Auxiliary will once again do a wine tour. This is a joint effort with District 9. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn in Madison and touring several wineries in the area. This has become a favorite event for many of our members.

Change of watch will be Saturday October 12, 2019 at Forest City Yacht Club.



## 2020 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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### 2018-2019 District 7 Calendar of Events

November 9-11th	GCBA Commanders Ball- Westlake Doubletree Inn
November 30-Dec 1	I-LYA Fall meeting @Holiday Inn French Quarter-Perrysburg
December 7th	IOBGA Christmas Dinner @ Lakeside Y.C, see flyer
February 16th	E board meeting @Edgewater Yacht Club
February 6-10th	IOBG Regional meeting-New Orleans
February 15-16th	AYC Commodores Ball-Holiday Inn French Quarter-Perrysburg
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's Day Parade Cleveland, see flyer
March 10th	Blue Blazer Social – Northeast YC 2-4pm
April 5 <sup>th</sup> -7th	I-LYA Spring meeting-Westlake Doubletree Inn
April 28th	IOBGA Nautica brunch cruise, see flyer
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	E-Board Meeting @ Chagrin Lagoons Y.C. 7:00 pm
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Day Ceremony at the USS COD 9:00 am
June TBD	IOBG Regional meeting-Portland
June 21-23rd	GCBA Rendezvous-Huron Boat Basin
June 22nd	District 7 Cocktail party-GCBA Rendezvous 12-3pm
August 7 <sup>th</sup> -11th	I-LYA Power Regatta Put in Bay
August 10 <sup>th</sup>	IOBG cocktail party @ PIBYC, Districts 7, 9, & 25
September 5 <sup>th</sup>	E-Board Meeting @ Mentor Harbor Yachting Club 7:00pm
September 20-21st	Annual Wine Tour-Sawmill Creek Resort
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	D-7 Change of Watch-Forest City YC 1:00pm
October TBD	International Change of Watch





## International Order of the Blue Gavel

The Association of Past Commodores

### Greetings,

IOBG District 7 & 9 will once again be doing our annual wine tour on September 20 & 21. This year we have chosen a new venue in the heart of the "Grand River Valley" wine country. The host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express @ 181 Water Tower DR. Madison, Ohio. It is located at exit # 312 on Route 90 east approximately 45 miles east of Cleveland. The hotel has just opened in May and is a wonderful complex. We have negotiated a great rate at \$99/night plus tax and this includes a breakfast buffet. Call the hotel now @ 440-307-1119 to make your reservations. You may also call the JHG Central Reservation desk @ 800-719-5540. We have only blocked 25 rooms at this rate.

We will be visiting 4-5 wineries in the area which has over 19 wineries within 8 miles of the hotel. This is the premier wine area of the State of Ohio and boasts about many gold medal winners. We have secured transportation to and from the wineries at a cost of \$30/person. Please email or call me with your bus reservation at 440-812-4242 or [LloydBogue@windstream.net](mailto:LloydBogue@windstream.net) on or before 09/16/19.

We look forward to having another great event with great people! Reserve now!

Sincerely,

Lloyd V. Bogue  
D/D  
District 47

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*INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL*

*DISTRICT 7*

*CHANGE OF WATCH*

*October 12, 2019*

*Forest City Yacht Club*

*5301 North Marginal Rd., Cleveland, Oh. 44114*

*Doors open at 12:30 Meeting starts promptly at 1:00*

*All District 7 members are encouraged to attend*

*Food and refreshments following the meeting*

*Dress is blues/greys*

*Please RSVP by October 5<sup>th</sup> to President Pat White@ [ronpatdale@roadrunner.com](mailto:ronpatdale@roadrunner.com) or 440- 289-7681*

*Reservations are needed to assure that proper food and beverages are available to our members.*

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