

IOBG-DISTRICT 7

A publication of Past Commodores

IOBG—District 7
December, 2024

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**Boating Season
Is Over!**

Ahoy, Members:

Inside this issue:

Together we are IOBG DISTRICT 7 and only through your support are we able to continue with the programs and furthering the mission of the Blue Gavel. Halloween is over and the leaves are dropping and the nights are getting longer; the year is coming to an end and the Mingle Jingle party is coming up. You clubs are busy getting ready for a great November and December.

There is a district 7 VP officer in the area that would like to come to your yacht club and share the details and understanding of the Benefits's with your club. All yacht clubs are encouraged to share event information coming up through the Chatter. Just email over the details.

Join me and share the fellowship and friendship with the other IOBG members at all the events. My hand is always open to shake and say, "Hello".

Past Commodores please ask the current club Commodore to join IOBG and spread the word, the Blue Blazer is scheduled for March 23nd. Please submit the names to me.

Thank you to all the Auxiliary members, we could not do it without you.

Congratulations Kathryn McCarthy, IOBG PC, Commander of GCBA, 2025 year and the other Bridge Officers.

Congratulations Scott Kneisel, Commodore & Lady Sharon of I-LYA, 2025 year and the Bridge Officers.

We provide an updated website: www.iobgdistrict7.com go and review all the details and information about IOBG District 7 and at the International level, see www.iobg.org.

We need your help! Please support our biggest fundraiser, our Alcohol wagon raffle. I have the tickets and will be passing them out to the Bridge Officers to sell and disperse to clubs. The best deal is 20 tickets for \$100.00

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Upcoming Events

I-LYA Fall meeting—Westlake Doubletree—December 5—7

IOBGA Jingle Mingle Holiday Party Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club December 14

GCBA Bowling Rendezvous January 5, 12, & 19 Banquet February 8

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Pay your 2024 dues using the form in this chatter. (See this Chatter)

IOBG-A Jingle & Mingle party, please fill out the information form and return it by Sunday, Dec. 8th. (See this Chatter)

Please share your ideas with me to improve the FUN.

On behalf of the Bridge Officers, we wish everyone a blessed and happy Thanksgiving and Christmas and New Years. See you in 2025.

Hospitality Officer: Kindly inform me of a name brand beer, or wine, or alcohol; we will possibly try have it and particular events.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE!

President Elect
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Well now that your boat is put away, it is time for some upcoming events happening in District 7. December 6-7th is the I-LYA fall meeting at the Doubletree Hilton in Westlake. December 14th is the 2024 IOBGA District 7 Jingle and Mingle holiday party (always a good time) at Chagrin Lagoons YC. There are many more functions coming up in 2025. As I always say, I know that your club has something happening around the holidays. Please let us know as we can get it in our newsletter. Our officers would like to visit your clubs, just let us know and one of us would be happy to attend your events. We would like to see your outgoing Commodores attend our Blue Blazer event in March. If you are unable to attend for some reason, one of our officers would be glad to swear you in at your club. I would like to congratulate Ronn Murphy on becoming our new District 7 President, and again thank Lewie Kuhn and the rest of the officers for a great job., and look forward to another great year. Ronn is getting our Raffle together for the upcoming season. Please support our efforts to raise funds for the many projects we have planned for 2025. Hope to see everyone attend the upcoming events. I would like to wish you and your families, and all the members of Blue Gavel family, a Happy and safe Holiday season.

Sincerely,

Larry Uebbing

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I would like to start this off with a Thank you to Lewie Kuhn, our current Past President. Lewie has always put his all into the positions he has accepted at the VBC and IOBG. We look forward to seeing what his next step will be. Ronn Murphy, our new President, Best Wishes for a productive and prosperous year. Congratulations to all our new 2025 Officers of IOBG Chapter 7, and a big thank you to all the new Past Commadores, from all the clubs that make up our District. We look forward to meeting you and getting to know you better as members of the IOBG.

I would also like to recognize Kathryn McCarthy as the new Commander of the GCBA. We all know Kathy as the person that can make things happen in IOBG. She will be a great leader for the GCBA. Best wishes to you for a great year.

Happy Holidays!

Mickey

Treasurer—Kathryn McCarthy

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By now, everyone's boats are probably tucked away for our long Northeast Ohio winter. It's time for all of us to focus on the many other events on our horizon. Before we know it, it will be spring and time to launch our boats again.

In the meantime, I want to thank all our IOBG members for this past year. District 7 once again, remains the largest district in the International. We ended the reporting year with 261 paid members and 20 new members inducted into IOBG. A great big welcome to all our new members and a huge thank you to all our returning members. As always, I encourage you to direct any past commodores to one of our officers or myself for membership if they are not already a member. We'd love to see D-7's membership continue to grow.

I have also been working with International in the process of getting membership cards out to all the paid dues members. I promise a quick turn around on sending your membership cards out. Also, new this year, I am sending auxiliary cards out too. Most importantly, make sure we have your correct mailing address. Last year, I had cards returned due to improper addresses. If anyone has paid dues and not received their membership card, please contact me at kmccarthy725@yahoo.com or 216-470-2857.

I'd like to take a moment to thank Lloyd Bogue for organizing the September wine tour. I heard it was fantastic and well attended. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend due to a wedding, but rest assured, I have marked my calendar for next year. (Save the Date flyer attached). I hope many of you will too.

I'd like to thank Lloyd again and Lady Rhonda for all they did for me at the Greater Cleveland Boating Association Commander's Ball. Lloyd agreed to be my Master of Ceremonies at the Ball where I was sworn in as the 2025 GCBA Commander. I am honored to serve GCBA and vow to do the best job I can. Also a special thank you to Dave Richards of Ashtabula Yacht Club who delivered the Invocation. Thank you to my hospitality team (Linda Leff, Tony Ciero, Warren and Marianne Dempster) for the fantastic hospitality spread. Thank you to Thomas "Rock" Adams of Intercity Yacht Club for his past year of service as Commander. Most of all thank you to my home club, River's Edge Yacht Club for the strong support in attendance and to all 97 guests that attended. I hope everyone had a good time. I know I sure did!

There are many events still happening so be sure to fill your social calendars. By the time this "Chatter" publishes, it will almost be time for the I-LYA Fall meeting at the Westlake Doubletree. I hope to see many of you there.

Treasurer—Kathryn McCarthy—

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Followed by the IOBGA Jingle & Mingle Holiday party at Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club on December 14th. Flyer attached.

GCBA kicks off their annual Winter Bowling Rendezvous in January at Wickliffe Lanes. New this year is three weeks of bowling, January 5th, 12th, and 19th. You don't have to be a great bowler to participate. Come for just the fun. Followed by the Bowling banquet at the American Croatian Hall on February 8th. You don't have to bowl to attend the banquet so plan on joining us for an evening of good food, beverages, dancing, raffles, comradery, and maybe a little gloating over trophies! (Flyer attached)

The IOBG Blue Blazer event is planned for March 23rd at Forest City Yacht Club. A flyer will be sent in next "Chatter"

I've also included a "Save the Date" Flyer for the IOBGA Brunch Cruise on the Lady Caroline. More info will follow.

As you can see, I try to keep you all informed about all the events happening, whether it is IOBG, GCBA, I-LYA, etc. If there is ever anything else you would like to get published at your own clubs, send me flyers and I will do my best to include. "Chatter" is published quarterly (March 1, June 1, Sept. 1 and Dec..1)

Lastly, I want to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and a safe and healthy New Year.

Thank you,
Kathryn McCarthy
Lady of Many Hats
"Chatter Editor Today"



IOBG Officers at the COW—Forest City Yacht Club



Presentation of Appreciation Plaque to outgoing President Lewie Kuhn by new President Ronn Murphy, District Director Christopher Aune, and Treasurer Past President Kathy McCarthy



Left: Past President Lewie Kuhn presenting flowers to IOBGA President Gina Aune



Right: Past President Lewie Kuhn with his wife, IOBGA Secretary Shari Kuhn



Greater Cleveland Boating Association Commanders Ball
Left: Presenting plaque of appreciation to Past Commander Thomas "Rock" Adams by 2025 Commander Kathy McCarthy



Right: - 2025 Commander Kathy McCarthy and Gentleman Ed



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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 Power Boat Club
 Vermilion Yacht Club
 Westlake Yachting Club

I am excited to learn more about the clubs in the Cleveland West area. There are some changes that have occurred. The Laguna Yacht Club dissolved in 2022. In addition, Lorain Sailing & Yacht Club and Westlake Yachting Club merged and are now called Lorain Harbor Boat Club.

Vermilion Boat Club is very active in both club and Blue Gavel events. They have two Blue Gavel fund raisers a year: a clam bake in the fall and an Octoberfest. Their change of watch is 11/23/24. Liz Elden will be their new Commodore. There is a Crystal Ball on December 14th, and then they are closed for the first two weeks of January. Scheduled in February are sailing camp fish fries every Friday. This event is a fundraiser for the kids sailing program. Also scheduled are the Cleveland Keys, a dueling piano show March 5, 2025.

My club, The Huron Yacht Club, is also very active. Our new chef Stephen has enhanced our dining experience. We welcome you to visit us and reservations are greatly appreciated. Access our website at <https://www.huronyachtcluboh.com/> for menus and club activities. Some upcoming events are the November 30th OSU vs. Michigan rivalry party, December 7th Breakfast with Santa for children (reservations by December 3rd), and December 15th Musical Holiday Dinner featuring the Sandusky High School Bell Choir (reservations by December 11th).

Have a great holiday season!

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- Cleveland Yachting Club
- East Light Yacht Club
- Edgewater Marina Boat Club
- Edgewater Yacht Club
- Forest City Yacht Club
- Inter-City Yacht Club
- Lakeside Yacht Club
- Northeast Yacht Club
- Wildwood Yacht Club

Hello District 7.

I hope this newsletter finds you well. First, I'd like to thank Past District 7 President Lewie Kuhn for his great leadership in 2024. It was a pleasure to serve under his leadership. I want to congratulate him on his new position as District 7 Director. Second, I'd like to congratulate 2025 District 7 President Ronn Murphy. I look forward to serving under your leadership. And last but not least, I'd like to congratulate District 7's very own Kathy McCarthy on becoming Commander of the Greater Cleveland Association for 2025. I look forward to serving under you as well.

As the cold weather approaches, there are still many events happening with IOBG, IOBGA, I-LYA, and GCBA as well as many yacht clubs and organizations. Please support them.

Any plans for New Years? Lady Sawft and I will be bringing in the New Year aboard the Lady Caroline. Check out their website for more information. We took the Halloween cruise and had a blast, you can't beat it.

Stay safe, warm, and dry this holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Thomas "ROCK" Adams

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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



Hello Members:

I thought this was interesting on the difference between rope and line.

Rope is a material, and a tool. A line is a rope used for a specific job and usually gains its name after that job, with the exception of the bell rope attached to the clapper of the ship's bell and the bucket rope on the bucket.

Most lines today are made of synthetic materials and are either laid (three strand) or double braid construction. Braided line is stronger than the same size three strand line and has less stretch.

Make sure to use a line with sufficient strength for its use. I prefer nylon three strand for my anchor line for the increased stretch. A 1/2 in. three strand nylon line is rated at a tensile strength of about 5,800 lbs. As a rule of thumb, have a 1/2 in. of line diameter for every inch of cleat-horn length. This will ensure your line to the proper amount at two lines on a cleat. Also note, a knot in the line can reduce the strength of the line by half.

Now that the boating season has come to an end, it's best to clean ropes before storing them for the winter. Use cold water and mild soap, then hang ropes to air dry out of sunlight and away from heat sources. Never use a pressure washer or salt water when cleaning them.

Always store ropes away from chemicals and any rough or sharp surfaces. Never store ropes on the floor, and keep them out of sunlight, as the ultraviolet rays tend to weaken the rope.

Ropes are best stored hung in neat coils to allow for proper ventilation and keep ropes clean and dry. It will also help to prevent kinks and twists that can also weaken the ropes.

Most importantly, inspect your ropes before storing. Watch for any rope that is out of lay, has kinks, is wavy or uneven, or has become too soft. Replace any of these ropes before spring so they don't become a safety risk.

Now switch to your land cruisers and get out and enjoy the holiday season with family and friends.

Happy Holidays. See you at the Cleveland Boat Show January 16-19 as we look towards the 2025 boating season.

For now, at home port,

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Cleveland East V.P.

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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



Hello All

I know when this article comes out, Thanksgiving will be over but I feel that we should be thankful year round. What I am thankful for is that I am a member of Fairport Harbor Yacht Club.

- 1) I am thankful for the Fairport Harbor Yacht Club. They are my Family, my friends, we laugh together and we cry together.
- 2) People that have never been a member of a yacht club don't understand that when you start a project no matter what it is, all of a sudden there is a crew to help you.
- 3) If you go hungry walking around F.H.Y.C. that's your fault, the hospitality is amazing.
- 4) If you go thirsty at F.H.Y.C., once again that is your fault.
- 5) Once again we are a club of a lot of opinions of course we don't see eye to eye on everything but we do when the time is needed.
- 6) I am thankful of the camaraderie of boating, social events of food, music and drink.
- 7) I am thankful for how beautiful F.H.Y.C. is. Just chilling by myself, sipping a cocktail and taking a look around.
- 8) I am thankful for all the members that put their time in to make sure the club runs correctly and the dues stay at a reasonable rate. We are a working persons club.
- 9) I have many reasons to be thankful of being a member of F.H.Y.C. I have listed a few that came to mind if I listed them all you would not be able to count them all.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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All Ports Yacht Club
 Bay Point 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



It that time of year when we put our boats away for the winter till we wake them up in the spring for another summer of fun and new ports of call.

One of my last few Chatter articles I told everyone I was moving to be Cleveland West VP , that was changed to go back as the North West VP to stay where I am .

If you need me to stop in at any of your meetings , just text me the date and time and your number so I have a contact to get more information,

I hope to see all the new faces at this years IOBG Jingle and Mingle in December. The event is December 14th starting at 6:00 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM at Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club in Eastlake Ohio. No uniforms.

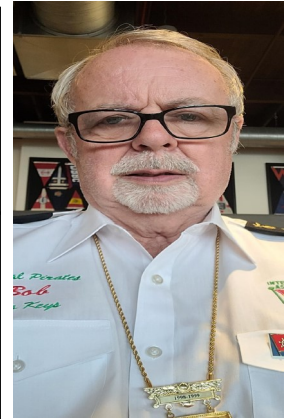
I want to thank all the IOBG members this year for sending in their dues for the next year of IOBG District 7. We are the still the largest district in the world.

If you would please e-mail your club news and program dates and times to rclanger@oh.rr.com

Stay safe and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Many thanks,

The Langers,
 Char and Rick

Pennsylvania—Robert Stanley**412-831-7878****iasyc@comcast.net**

Commodore Perry Yacht Club
 Erie Yacht Club
 Presque Isle Yacht Club
 Sea Rangers Boat Club
 Syria Shrine Mariner
 Zem Zem Sailors Yacht Club

With the arrival of November, Snapper the Presque Isle Alligator is still loose and enjoying his life in the waters off Erie, Pennsylvania. He was first spotted August 4. He has drawn a multitude of curious on-lookers trying to spot him, but his days will be numbered with Jack Frost and Father Winter fast approaching.

Commodore Perry Yacht Club enjoyed a great boating season in their 51st year. C.P.Y.C. celebrated their annual Charter Party on Saturday, November 2. The Children's Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, December 1 from 9am till 12 pm. Vice Commodore, Kevin Sinnott, will assume the office of Commodore at their Change of Watch in 2025.

Erie Yacht Club will hold its Annual Meeting and Election of their 2025 Bridge Officers and Board of Directors on Friday, November 15. The E.Y.C. Holiday Ball returns on Friday, December 6. That evening is Mingle with Kris Kringle. Dinner with Santa will be held on Tuesday, December 10. Santa returns on December 14, for a Bruch Buffet. Friday, December 20 will be a Dickens Christmas Dinner Evening. The New Years Eve Dinner will be held in the Grill Room from 6:30pm-12:30am

The Presque Isle Yacht Club hosted a Lift operator and Ground Crew Lunch on Saturday, November 2. The Annual Haul Out and Awards Party is scheduled for Saturday, November 16. The festive P.I.Y.C. Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 7. Election of the 2025 P.I.Y.C. Bridge Officers will take place at the December membership meeting. January will be their Change of Watch.

The Syria Mariners Yacht Club will be participating with the Annual Children's Christmas Party at the Shrine Center on Saturday, December 14. The Mariners will end 2024 as always at the Gala Syria Shrine New Years Eve Ball. The Mariners will hold their Change of Watch during the first weekend in January.

During September, the Zem Zem Sailors were working the Annual Zem Zem Shrine Sportsman's Spectacular. At this writing, all their boats have been put away and winterized as well. The Zem Zem Sailors will be anxiously awaiting Spring and the 2025 boating season.

Our yearly reminder over here in Pennsylvania is that a mandatory cold weather life jacket law is now in effect for those boats less than 16 feet in length or any kayak, canoe, or paddleboat.

As I write this, Pennsylvania I.O.B.G. article, December is less than 30 days away. That means our Jingle and Mingle Holiday Party is right around the corner. The Port of Call this year will be the Chagrin Lagoon Yacht Club on Saturday, December 14. Hope to see everyone there.

To our P/C I.L.Y.A. Lloyd Bogue and Lady Rhonda, many thanks for another great I.O.B.G. Wine Weekend in September. We had Districts 7, 9, and 25 enjoying the sunshine, friendships, and of course the wines. Each year they get bigger and better.

To our new District 7 President, Ronn Murphy, good luck, smooth sailing, and let it be known we are behind you in 2025.

The Yacht Clubs in Erie are hoping that Mother Nature produces a quick and long freeze on Presque Isle Bay. Then they can launch their ice boats and enjoy skimming across the frozen Presque Isle Bay, a Winter tradition.

Wishing all the families in I.O.B.G. District 7, a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Joyous New Year.

Pennsylvania—Robert Stanley-continued

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Mariners Log By Bob Stanley M.S.A.

With the arrival of December, we are upon what most people consider “the most wonderful time of the year.” This is when we see the Red Kettles at store fronts, Mr. Jingeling, Santa and his workshop, Christmas parades, the movie “The Christmas Story”, memories of Christmas past, Hanukkah with its Festival of Lights and the Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. It is time to reflect and give thanks.

AI Koran Shrine Annual Children’s Party will be held on Saturday, December 7. Santa Claus will be arriving at the Diamond Event Center in Brunswick, Ohio to meet and greet all the children.

As in past years, our Magical Holiday Party is truly enjoyed by all who attend. This year will be no exception. It will be held at Cleveland Yacht Club in beautiful Rocky River, Ohio coinciding with the Mariners Change of Watch. It’s always great to see our friends once again before the hectic Christmas season begins.

The following 2025 AI Koran Mariners Bridge Officers will be installed on Sunday, December 15,

Commodore	Frank McEvoy
Vice Commodore	P/C Bob Kolar
Rear Commodore	Robert Frankel
Treasurer	James Dettmer
Secretary	P/C Bob Stanley
Directors	P/C Mark Cain
	P/C Bob Stanley
	P/C Ronn Murphy P.P.

Sunshine Chairman P/C John Baker has informed me at this writing (November 1) that Commodore Ronn Murphy P.P. was in sick bay. He is now back at the helm of the Mariners Yacht Club. Remember to get your flu shot and try to stay healthy this winter.

The Mariners would like to thank our Illustrious Potentate Bru Lewis and First Lady Melissa, for their friendship, leadership, and guidance of AI Koran Shrine during 2024

The December Business Meeting of AI Koran Shrine will be held on Monday, December 16. This is our annual meeting. The location will be in the Official Call of the Potentate in the December AI Koran Magazine in page 2.

For any information concerning Mariner meeting dates, membership, or activities, contact Commodore Ronn Murphy P.P. at 216-702-6785.

We close this Mariners Log from the Mariners wishing all AI Koran Shriners and their families a Happy Hannukah, Merry Christmas, and a Joyous, Healthy Happy New Year. Remember to fly your flags on Pearl Harbor Day. Let us never forget that “Day of Infamy.”

God’s Speed



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Aladdin Mariners Yacht Club
Alum Creek Sailing Club
Atwood Yacht Club
Buckeye Lake Yacht Club
Earlville Yacht Club
Lake Milton Boat Club
Scioto Boat Club



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Congratulations to all the E board members that have volunteered to move up in the ranks. President Ronn Murphy will do a great job in leading us. President Elect Larry Uebbing is Ronn's right hand man and will be learning the ropes for his year, and First Vice President Mickey Silecky is waiting in the wings. A warm welcome to new Cleveland West VP Janice Bostic from Huron Yacht Club. She is taking over for Mickey Silecky.

We have our District 7 Christmas Party coming up December 14th at Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club. See the flier in this edition of the Chatter.

Our District 7 Blue Blazer will take place March 23, 2025 at I I am at Forest City Yacht Club. The Blue Blazer is a recruitment event for new Past Commodores and for older Past Commodores that are not members yet. If you know any P/C's not a member of the Blue Gavel let them know about our Blue Blazer event and encourage them to come or get their names to one of the area VP's so we can contact them.

The International Order of the Blue Gavel is one of the most prestigious organizations in all of yachting. With the Blue Gavel membership card you will be welcomed at most all Yacht Clubs and Boat Clubs in the world. I have personally gotten into Naples Yacht Club, St Francis Yacht Club, and others. The only reason I got in was because of the Blue Gavel Card.

Past Commodores can only be sworn into the Blue Gavel after filling out their application and sending it in to our district treasurer, Kathy McCarthy, along with their dues payment. Then they have to be sworn in by an area VP or E Board member.

It is also the time of the year again when our dues are due. Please see attached dues notice in this Chatter and send it in as soon as you can. We want District 7 to remain the largest district, and we need all of you to help out and renew your membership.

Congratulations to our own Kathy McCarthy who was just sworn in as Commander of the Greater Cleveland Boating Association, and to Rock Adams who just completed his term as Commander.

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Advisor to the District Director**Christopher Aune****440-669-5599****cgaune12@oh.rr.com**

I would like to thank Lewie Kuhn for leading District 7 this past year as our IOBG President. For 2025 District 7 will be under the direction of President Ronn Murphy. Ronn has done a great job as area V.P. and Vice President this last year. Ronn attended many events this last year, as well as while handling the Hospitality chores for District 7's events. I look forward to working with President Murphy in 2025 and his Bridge of Area V.P.'s.

Many of us from District 7 attended the National Convention this past October in Put-in-Bay, Ohio which was held at the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club. This year Steve Hyder from District 9 was sworn in to the position of International President. District 7 would like to congratulate him on his new role and wish him and his Bridge of Officers a great year.

I would like to ask all of us that sit on the Bridge reach out to all of the member clubs and ask what events they have planned for in 2025 and let them know what events are on schedule so their Blue Gavel members may attend them.

If any past Commadores have not joined the International Blue Gavel, I would ask that you consider sending in your application and dues to the Treasurer C/O Kathryn McCarthy 8557 Hilltop Drive, Mentor Ohio 44060 or contact her by email at kmccarthy725@yahoo.com.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Advisor to the District Director,

Christopher G. Aune

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If anyone IOBG member would like a burgee to fly on their boat, please send me \$30.00 (plus \$5.00 if I have to mail). **Display your membership proudly!**

We also have arm patches for your Blue Blazer for \$15 and window decals for your car for \$2.00. I also can take orders for ties, shirts, etc. If interested, let me know what you would like.

FINAL VOYAGE

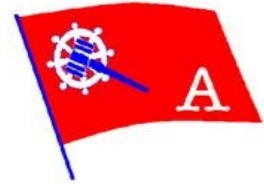
P/C Lou Barton

P/C Dominic "Nick" Romano

P/C Glen Fish

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

President IOBGA Auxiliary – Gina Aune
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I would like to give a big shout out to Catawba West Harbor Past Commodore, Kelly Maaraba for assisting us with our latest **Books by Boaters** charity event.

IOBGA District 7 donated \$250.00 for the purchase of books to be distributed at the East Toledo Trunk or Treat event that was held Saturday October 26th.

P/C Maaraba purchased the books for ages preschool thru adult and distributed them at her local event. Thank you, Kelly, for representing us!



Catawba West Harbor Past Commodore Kelly Maaraba distributing “Books by Boaters”.

Our annual holiday party, the **Jingle & Mingle**, has been scheduled for Saturday December 14th and will be at the Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club in Eastlake.

Cost for this event will be \$40 p/p which will include your buffet dinner and dessert. Cocktails will be available to purchase separately and the club requests that we use credit cards for this purchase.

Cocktails will start at 6:00pm with dinner at 7:00pm. Please see the attached flyer for all the information.

Holiday attire is preferred – No uniforms.





Join us for the International Order of the
Blue Gavel Auxiliary's Annual

JINGLE
&
MINGLE

Saturday December 14, 2024

Cocktails at 6:00pm / Dinner at 7:00pm

Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club

35111 Halsey Drive Eastlake, OH

Buffet Menu at \$40.00 p/p.

*MENU: Chicken Piccata, Roast Beef, Cavatelli w/Marinara Sauce,
Vegetable, House Salad, Roll & Butter, & Desserts*

Cash bar for cocktails - credit cards only accepted.

Holiday Attire – No uniforms please

The deadline for dinner reservation is Sunday Dec 8, 2024!



Name(s) _____ Phone # _____

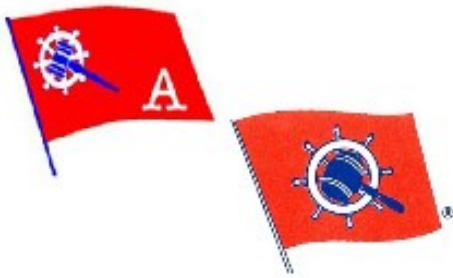
Club Affiliation _____ Email _____

Of Dinners @ \$40 _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please make checks payable to IOBGA District 7 and mail to IOBGA Treasurer
Mary Romano at: 4372 Bobwhite Trace Powell, OH 43065.

Questions, please call Gina Aune at 440.669.5645 or Mary Romano at 216.870.0529





March your calendars for Sunday
April 27, 2025 for the annual
IOBGA Lady Caroline Bruch Cruise.

The IOBGA has reserved the entire ship so invite
your friends and family for a great afternoon!

More details to come in 2025.



PRIZE LIST

Handicap Team Events

Mens 1st Place
Womens 1st Place
Mixed 1st Place

Individual Events

Single Hi-Game Handicap
Hi-Three Game Series -Handicap
Single Hi-Game Actual
Hi-Three Game Series-Actual
Hi-Six Game Series-Actual

SPECIAL AWARD TO MEMBER CLUB WITH
MOST TEAMS ENTERED

*Note: Individual trophies only will be awarded to all teams. Only one trophy
will be awarded per individual.*



62nd Annual Greater
Cleveland Boating
Association Winter
Bowling Rendezvous
2025

To be held at:
Wickliffe Lanes
30315 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, OH
440-585-3505

NEW THIS YEAR – 3 WEEKS

Sunday January 5th
Sunday January 12th
Sunday January 19th

One shift only
2:00 – 5:30 p.m.
40 Lanes

****ALL FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORM****

Bowling, Prizes and Banquet
Per Person.... \$85.00
Total Per Team...\$425.00
Extra Banquet Tickets ... \$55.00 each
Bowling Only (3 weeks)... \$40.00 each

Banquet and Presentation of Trophies
Saturday February 8th, 2025
American Croation Lodge
34900 Lake Shore Blvd.
Eastlake, Ohio 44095

Banquet will include excellent family
style dinner, premium open bar
including draft beer, music and
dancing. (Bottled beer available upon
purchase)

RULES

- 1.) Handicap will be established based on games bowled at this event. Average above 200 will be scratch, no handicap.
- 2.) Handicap based on 90% of 200 for individual score.
- 3.) Men will use a blind of 140 and women will use a blind of 120.
- 4.) Deadline for entries is December 30th, 2024
- 5.) Captains, please fill out the entry form clearly and completely. (Please type or print).
- 6.) Please remit tournament fees with this entry form. Make Check Payable to:

Greater Cleveland Boating Assoc.

Mail to:

Kathryn McCarthy
8577 Hilltop Drive
Mentor, Ohio 44060
(216) 470-2857
kmcCarthy725@yahoo.com

Team Name

Member Yacht Club

Captain

Address

City State Zip

Phone

E-Mail

Team Members on reverse side.



Attendees from the 2024 IOBG District 7, 9, and 25 Wine Tour.

Everyone had a blast.

Don't miss out on the 2025 Wine Tour, details below.

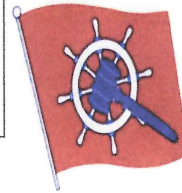
SAVE THE DATE

10th Annual IOBG District 7, 9 & 25 Wine Tour

September 18th & 20th 2025

@

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
Madison, Ohio



Saturday Bus Wine Tour

**Price approx. \$35/PP*

LOAD BUS @ 10:45

4 Winery Stops

28 Wineries within 8 miles

Food & Entertainment @ most Wineries along tour

ARRIVE BACK AT HOTEL @ 6pm

FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY ROOM

“OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS & FRIENDS”

Room Rates \$160.00/night + tax- “IHG” group Hotel

Reservation Deadline 08/19/2025

For reservations call 1-440-307-4449

FOR BUS RESERVATION EMAIL lloydboque@windstream.net

International Order of Blue Gavel D-7 - Events for 2025

November 8-9, 2024, GCBA Commanders Ball, Double Tree Hilton, Westlake, OH

December 6-7, 2024, I-LYA Fall Meeting, Commodores Ball, and Change of Watch, Double Tree Hilton, Westlake, OH

December 14, 2024, IOBGA District 7 Holiday Party, Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club 2025

January 16-19, 2025: Cleveland Boat Show at the IX Center

February 1, 2025: IOBG D7 E Board Meeting 10:00am, Edgewater Yacht Club

March 23, 2025: IOBG D7 Blue Blazer Social, 11:00am, Forest City Yacht Club.

Dress Grays (Cocktail party for new members) ****

April 4-5, 2025: I-LYA Spring Meeting, Westlake, OH

April 26, 2025: IOBG D7 E Board Meeting, 10:00am, Huron Yacht Club

April 27, 2025: IOBGA D7 Auxiliary, Brunch Cruise on The Lady Caroline 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

May 26, 2025: IOBG D7 USS COD Service 10:00 am Cleveland, OH. Arrive by 9:45 am. **Dress Whites**

June 21, 2025: IOBG D7 Cocktail Social @ Huron Boat Basin 12 to 2:30 pm. **Dress in casual whites (shorts).** ****

July 27, 2025: IOBG D7 / I-LYA Cocktail Social @ Put in Bay Yacht Club 1:00 pm District 9 to host **** Booze Extravaganza

August (Saturday) TBD, 2025: IOBG D7 E Board Meeting 10:00am, TBD

September 18-20, 2025: IOBG D7 Wine Tour Geneva

September 28, 2025: IOBG D7 Change of Watch, noon, Forest City Yacht Club.

Dress Grays ****

October 2025: IOBG International Meeting. Date, location TBD

November 7-8, 2025, GCBA Commanders Ball, Westlake, OH

December 5-6, 2025 – I-LYA Fall Meeting, Commodores Ball and COW.

December 2025 – IOBGA D7 Holiday Party, Date, Location TBD

**** Important meeting to attend

Websites to find out more information about the events above:

IOBG: [www. https://iobg.org](https://iobg.org)

IOBG District 7: [www. https://www.iobgdistrict7.com](https://www.iobgdistrict7.com)

GCBA: www.gcba.us

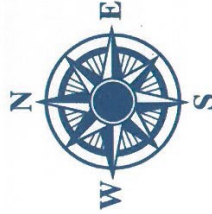
I-LYA: www.i-lya.org

AYC: www.associatedyachtclubs.com

The calendar is subject to change. Notification will be sent out of any changes as they occur

What Is Our Humanitarian Foundation?

- It is a United States 501(c)(3) charitable organization
- It benefits communities by helping to fund boating activities and marine education
- Some programs the grants have helped fund:
 - * Youth sailing scholarships
 - * Safety equipment for special needs boaters
 - * Support for veterans' programs
 - * Maritime museum fund raising
- Our projects depend on your donations



INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL

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San Diego, CA 92108
888-378-2211
www.iobg.org

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL



The mission of the International Order of the Blue Gavel is to recognize Past Commodores of the international yachting community and to unite them in order to promote the highest ideals of yachting and preserve its customs and traditions through social, educational and humanitarian programs.

Who Are We?

- We are an international organization made up of Past Commodores of qualified yacht clubs
- We are proven leaders and innovative problem solvers
- Membership is by invitation



Why Join?

- To associate with past commodores for worthwhile yachting activities worldwide
- To help preserve yachting traditions, customs, ethics & etiquette
- To encourage, promote and develop knowledgeable yachting persons
- Enjoy expanded reciprocal privileges with yacht clubs worldwide



What Do We Do?

- Meet locally, nationally and internationally in the true spirit of camaraderie as Past Commodores
- Share information related to recreational boating for our areas
- Officiate at special functions & ceremonies
- Recognize outstanding service to recreational yachting
- Support the activities of local yacht clubs: cruising, predicted log & sail racing

Do We Have An Auxiliary?

- Yes. It works to support the IOBG in its endeavors.
- It has its own Officers, Insignia and Bylaws
- Meets Regionally, Nationally and Internationally
- Works to promote camaraderie at all levels
- Raises funds for the Humanitarian Foundation and other charities
- Is an integral part of the success of the IOBG Chapters and Districts

How Are We Governed?

- Local Chapters
- Regional Districts
- International Board of Directors
 - * Each District is represented on the board



2025 IOBG Dues Notice

IOBG Dues \$43.00 \$ _____
IOBGA Dues \$10.00 \$ _____
Humanitarian Fund Donation (Optional) \$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Remit To:
Treasurer IOBG District 7
Kathryn McCarthy
8577 Hilltop Drive
Mentor, Ohio 44060

Please list all of the following for Roster Information:

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

P/C of which Yacht Club: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

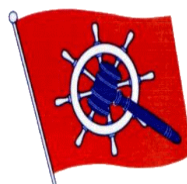
State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Spouse email address: _____





International Order of the Blue Gavel



INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby apply for membership in the International Order of the Blue Gavel.

Chapter: _____ District: _____

Name: _____

Spouse or Companion: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Country: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Business: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Yacht Club where you were Commodore: _____ Year: ____

I agree to abide by the Bylaws and Rules of my Chapter, District, and the International Order of the Blue Gavel.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Enclosed is my check for: _____ U.S.

Approved: Chapter: _____

District: _____

Note: District Members-at-Large should so indicate in the "Chapter" space.

Distribution: Original to International Treasurer, copies for Chapter and District

NEW MEMBER PROCEDURES

Often it is asked what the correct procedure is for joining Blue Gavel. We have put together this summary to aid in the clarification.

1. You must be a past commodore of a recognized club
2. You must complete a new member application

Chapter is the club you were a past commodore of

District is District 7 (Erie to Sandusky area)

Applicant must sign the application

Approvals: **Chapter Signature** – must be signed by an authorized

Officer from the Chapter club, acknowledging the applicant is a past commodore and member in good standing.

District Approval Signature will be by our District 7 Treasurer

Appropriate Dues must be submitted with application

Completed Application with payment of dues to be sent to Treasurer:

IOBG-D7

c/o Kathryn McCarthy

8577 Hilltop Drive

Mentor, Ohio 44060

3. Upon receipt of application and dues, Treasurer will notify D-7 President or D-7 Area Vice President. They will make arrangements to officially swear applicant in. **ONLY A D-7 OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM SWEARING IN.** If this can not successfully be arranged, applicant is invited to join us at the Blue Blazer Social in March where they can be sworn in.
4. Dues payment will be distributed to International by Treasurer and a membership card will be generated and sent to applicant. (currently, Kathryn McCarthy is preparing cards).

Hope this helps clarify any concerns in the future. If you have any questions, you may contact President Murphy, or any District 7 officer.

www.iobgdistrict7.com

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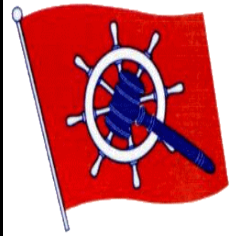
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