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**Boating Season
Is Almost Over!**

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Upcoming Events

IOBG Wine Tour
Sept. 13-14

IOBG Change of Watch
Sept. 28

GCBA Commander's Ball
Nov. 8-10

As I sit here reflecting on the past few months I realize this is the last article I will write as President.

This past year has been an amazing adventure. I can honestly say I have really enjoyed myself being President of District 7.

I have meant so many new people from all over the Great Lakes Region, I got to run Blue Gavel meetings and go to ILYA events and parties. I got to speak on Memorial Day at a remembrance ceremony, on the deck of the WW2 submarine USS COD. That was one of the things I was dreading the most, to get in front of a large crowd and speak, but when it was all said and done, I was really proud of being able to do it, and be part of the ceremony on such an important day.

The Blue Gavel is about getting involved. You have to be involved to really understand what it is all about. It's about helping others, it's a family of Past Commodores, it's making new friends at different clubs, it's about having fun.

I encourage you to get involved. Share your skill or knowledge, meet new people, see how other clubs do things. You can pick up a lot of good ideas to take back and share with your local club or chapter.

Thank you all for the honor of letting me be your President this past year. I know incoming President Ronn Murphy will do a great job this coming year. We are all here to support him.

We still have some event coming up this year:

The Wine Tour September 13-14th

September 28th is our Change of Watch for the new officers, held at Forest City Yacht Club.

October 10th the IOBG International Convention held a Put In Bay.

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December will be our Christmas Party.
See the flyers in this Chatter for all events.

In other News we did Raffle off the cooler of booze we were selling tickets for. The drawing took place at our cocktail party on Put In Bay on July 27th. DeAnn Sprenger from Vermilion was the big winner. Congratulations to her, she was very excited to win. A big thank you to everyone who sold tickets to help us raise some money for IOBG D-7. We were able to raise almost \$5,000 dollars with this raffle. This will really help us out with our budget. Good job everyone!!!

The ILYA Power Boat Regatta at Put in Bay, in July, was a great time. They had a lot of fun activities to participate in. If you have never done it or have not been to it in a while, I encourage you to check it out next year. You will not be disappointed.

The IOBG D-7 did our annual cocktail party at the GCBA Rendezvous in Huron, in June. That was another great event that we had a large turnout for. The GCBA always does a nice job with that event.

I just want to Thank my Bridge, the area VP's, all the people moving up in the ranks, and all the volunteers behind the scenes for a great year. Thanks to the IOGB Auxiliary for always helping out, and a BIG THANKS to my wife Shari, for putting up with me through all this.

Let's keep summer going a little while longer, I still have some boating I want to do.



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Ahoy, Members:

The Bridge Officer's 2024 and I certainly hope that you are well and healthy. Together we are IOBG District 7 and only through your support are we able to continue with the programs and furthering the mission of IOBG across the area and having more fun during the year.

I consider it a very special honor to be President-Elect. during this year 2024 and improving each event and having them running well. I turn to each of you to assist in spreading the word about the awesome organization and the benefits of belonging to the IOBG DISTRICT 7 around IOBG around the world.

Summer is here and enjoy every moment by the water or on a boat.

The I-LYA 2024 Regatta on Put-in-Bay was well attained and each event was awesome this year, thank you to President, Lewis Kuhn and Lady Shari of District 7 and current I-LYA Commodore Dale Vanderford and Lady Teresa for all the hard work; and the bridge officers and all the volunteers.

Please make sure we have your updated and current email address on record with Kathy, Communication is the key to keep all members informed with current plans going on in IOBG. We will be emailing out the new "Seabag" to assist in keeping you informed with each event and details.

Another phenomenal event is the Wine Tour-Holiday Inn Express, Madison, Ohio: dates September 13th thru 15th, What a FUN time. see the flyer.

Join me and share the fellowship and friendship with the other IOBG Clubs across the district, Commodores of local IOBG's please ask a fellow Commodore to join and spread the word.

I will see you on September, 28th at the Change of Watch for IOBG Officer's at the Forest City Yacht Club at NOON. See flyer

The International IOBG meeting will be at Put-in-Bay this year on October 10th thru 13th. Come and support the officers and staff. It will be a great time.

District 7 will have another, "Cooler of Alcohol" as a fundraiser this up coming year, please purchase tickets to win.

Remember to pay your dues to District 7 IOBG.

Please share your ideas with me to improve the FUN.

May God bless You

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We still have a lot of summer to go before we start thinking about fall. For those who didn't make it to Put-n-Bay, you missed a great turnout. Our next meeting will be September 21st at Chagrin. Also, our upcoming Change of Watch will be September 28th at Forest City Yacht Club. Doors open at 12:30, meeting starts at 1:00. I would like to invite all District 7 members to VBC Blue Gavel, two upcoming fundraisers. First on September 7th, they will be having their 2nd Oktoberfest. Plenty of good German food, raffles, and of course, Germans BEER! Also, on October 5th Blue Gavel will be holding their Annual Commodores Clam Bake. Next year I look forward to moving up to President Elect. I would like to thank Lewie Kuhn for a terrific year., the Booze basket Lewie and Shari have been lugging around all summer was a remarkable success, we made almost \$5000. I would like to see us keep this going next year, please if you would like to get involved more with Blue Gavel, contact one of our board members to see what District 7 has to offer. We are always looking for all past Commodores to help us grow. I would also like to thank Kevin and Kathy for always getting our information out to our members. I for one, wouldn't remember anything if it wasn't for those two. I hope to see more members attend our upcoming meetings. Thanks for letting me be your 1st Vice President this past year.



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I have a hard time believing that I am writing this article for the “September” issue of the “Chatter”. Where has the summer gone? Boating is not over yet. There is still many activities happening.

The IOBG Wine Tour will be taking place September 13th and 14th. The next IOBG meeting will be held September 21st at Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club. The IOBG Change of Watch will take place the following week, September 28th at Forest City Yacht Club. My club, REYC in Fairport Harbor, is holding a clambake the same day. If anyone is interested in tickets, let me know. The International IOBG Convention is being held locally this year right at Put-n-Bay on October 10th – 13th. Then the Greater Cleveland Boating Association’s Commanders Ball will take place on November 8th and 9th. (I will be the 2025 Commander). I hope many of you will plan to attend.

I wanted to thank everyone that purchased tickets for my fundraiser for the GCBA Ball. (the 52” fire pit). We pulled the winning ticket at the GCBA Rendezvous in Huron. Paul Teknipp from Eastlake, Ohio was the winner.

The cut off for International’s membership count for 2024 was July 31st. I’m proud to say that District 7 still remains the largest district in the International with 260 paid members. We welcomed in 19 new members. District 9 is giving us a good chase, coming in second. If you know any past commodores that are not District 7 members, please encourage them to join. We’d love to have D7’s count increase even higher for 2025.

I hope you all have been enjoying your boating season. For me, we traveled from Fairport to Huron in June for the GCBA Rendezvous. They had a luau theme Friday night and everyone wore their favorite luau outfits. Saturday, the golfers went golfing. In the afternoon IOBG sponsored a nice cocktail party. Thank you to IOBG President Lewie Kuhn and everyone that helped. GCBA had basket raffles that we drew names for. Then we had a wonderful catered dinner that evening. Thanks to P/C Tony Ciero and his wife Linda for all their help in organizing this event.

In July we traveled to Put-n-Bay for the I-LYA Power Boat Regatta. What a fantastic time we had. There were so many different events taking place all the time. Spaghetti dinner, Taco Bar, Steak or Chicken dinner, Tito’s party, rum party, pub crawl, golf, baseball, volleyball, docking contest, and so much more. If you have never attended this regatta, you should plan to go next year. I’d like to congratulate Commodore Dale Vanderford and Lady Theresa and his 2024 Bridge and committees. This event is such a big undertaking and many people contribute to pulling it off.

One of my next boat trips will be our club cruise to Geneva over the Labor Day holiday. It’s always a great time with our fellow club members.

I hope to see you all at one of the many upcoming events.

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IOBG Officers at the Cocktail Party at Put-n-Bay

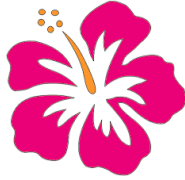


IOBG President Lewie Kuhn and
IOBGA Secretary Shari Kuhn at the
USS Cod Ceremony



Pictures taken at the USS Cod Ceremony

GCBA Luau Themed Party at the Huron Boat Basin in June. What a fun time.





GREATER CLEVELAND BOATING ASSOCIATION

COMMANDER'S BALL HONORING 2025 COMMANDER KATHRYN MCCARTHY

November 8th, 9th & 10th, 2024

Please Join us at the Double Tree by Hilton

1100 Crocker Road, Westlake, Ohio

Room Rates are \$105.00 per night plus tax

(Reservation includes breakfast)

Cut off for room reservations at group rate is October 9, 2024

Phone (800) 445-8667 – Mention Reservation Link GCBA for Group Rate

Friday, November 8th

6:00 – 12:00 PM Hospitality Room Opens. Complimentary cocktails provided.
Casual attire. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.
Basket Raffle – Basket Donations Greatly Appreciated

Saturday, November 9th

12:00 – 3:00 PM Hospitality Room Opens
5:00 PM Officers Cocktail Reception in Hospitality Room
6:00 PM Cocktails in Banquet Room
6:45 PM Grand March/Parade of Officers
7:00 PM Dinner (bar will be closed for 1 hour 7pm to 8pm)
7:45 PM Installation Ceremony
8:15 PM Drawing of Raffle Baskets
8:30 – 10:30 PM Entertainment by Eddie Plesnicar & Dancing
10:30-12:00 AM Hospitality Room Opens

(Please complete and return with payment)

Name(s) _____ Phone # _____
(Please list first and last names of all guests attending)

Club Affiliation _____ Office/Title _____

Dinner Menu: Little Italy Buffet – Caesar Salad, Field Green Salad, Tomato Caprese Salad, Chicken Parmigiana, Lasagna, Shrimp Scampi with Angel Hair Pasta Cheese Tortellini with Red and White Sauce Roasted Redskin Potatoes, Mixed Greens, Assorted Breads, Chef's Dessert Assortment, Regular and Decaf Coffee, Hot Tea, and Iced Tea. **Dinner Includes Open Bar**

Total # _____ of Dinners @ \$85 _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

Deadline for dinner is Wednesday, October 28th, 2024. Please make checks payable to GCBA & mail to:

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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

What a great time to see many of you at the ILYA power boat regatta at Put in Bay. It is always a fun time with great comradery. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for the Cooler of cheer that was raffled off at the Bay, I am looking forward to next year already.

The Clubs of Cleveland West are having a great summer with warm weather and friends. There are many parties happening at the different clubs and everyone should try to take advantage of the wonderful hospitality, food and bands that they all are having. Not to mention a cool refreshment or two that will help with the heat. Stop in and check them out.

Please let me know about functions that your Blue Gavel Chapter may be having this year. We would like to get the date out for all to put on their calendars.

Respectfully,
Mickey

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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 everyone has been enjoying this what seems to be very short summer. As we prepare for the end of the boating season I hope everyone continues to remain safe and continue to support the many boating events around the area. Prayers go out to anyone that was adversely affected by the severe weather we recently had. I look forward to seeing everyone at the change of watch ceremony.

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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:

It sure has been nice seeing everyone out boating and fishing. Seems like this season more people got out on jet skis, paddleboats, kayaks and boards. I always enjoy seeing our youth out learning to sail or powerboat. We are so fortunate to have such great waterways to get out and enjoy all these fun activities, creating lasting memories with family and friends.

It's always a bit sad to see the end of the summer season approaching, so make the most of the nice weather before the leaves start to change. The Wine Tasting Tour, Sept. 13 and 14, in Madison is a perfect start to autumn.

Anchors away,
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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*



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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



What a great summer we have had. We have had some rain but the weekends were super with calm seas. We can go anywhere, short trips or long.

We welcomed a new Member to the International Order of the Blue Gavel. Rick Billheimer from Harbor Bay Yacht Club in Sandusky Ohio. joined in March at the Northeast Yacht Club.

Hope most of you were able to dodge the storms this past weekend with little or no damage to your boat or house. I live in Mentor and the area around us got hit by an F-1 tornado. Four other tornados were reported in the Cleveland area. Many of the main roads were closed and many houses were without power. Hope you weathered the storms with little to no damage.

Fall is just around the corner and soon we will be thinking of getting our boats lifted out of the water. Let's make it a safe lift. Store all the loose gear that stays on the boat, such as life jackets, lines, and bumpers. Be sure to pack the gear that needs fixing in a place to which you will have access. Those winter months provide a good opportunity to get those "to do" lists done. There's nothing like the excitement of a new boating season only to find out you forgot to complete those small fix it jobs.

I was asked to move from the Northwest VP to the Cleveland West VP. So I will have a new area of responsibility. It has been nice getting to know you and your club. Encourage your past Commodores to join our great organization of the Blue Gavel.

Many thanks,

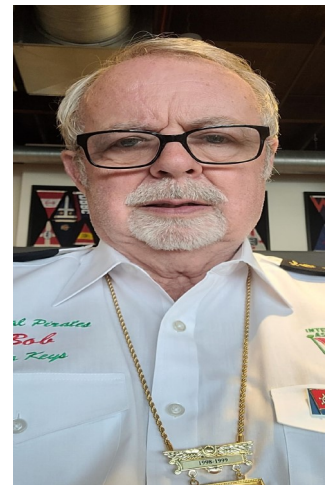
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Commodore Perry Yacht Club
Erie Yacht Club
Presque Isle Yacht Club
Sea Rangers Boat Club
Syria Shrine Mariner
Zem Zem Sailors Yacht Club



Commodore Perry Yacht Club conducted sail races throughout July. Their famous Tap a Keg was held on July 14. The Annual Family Picnic was also held in July. The C.P.Y.C. Board of Directors voted NO INCREASE of dues on dockage for 2025.

Erie Yacht Club has hosted the 33rd Annual Frolic on the Bay, which was held on Monday, July 8, and included boat rides, a picnic lunch with lawn games. Frolic on the Bay is a wonderful day experience to countless individuals with chronic and physical conditions and those with disadvantage situations. The Koehler Cup Races from Erie to Ashtabula and back, took place August 9-10-11. The Erie Yacht Club Chairmans picnic was held on August 24. The Woford Cup Race which takes place from Erie to Port Dover, Ontario will run on September 7. The Thomas Carrol Reserve Handicap Race will set sail on September 22. Finally, the Erie Yacht Club awards Banquet will be held on November 2.

Presque Isle Yacht Club has had a very active Summer on land and sea. On July 20, the enjoyable family movie night was held at the picnic shelter. In the Spirit of Christmas, Home Alone and Santa Cluse 2 were shown. Their annual golf outing was held on August 9 at the Scenic Height Golf Course. Prior to the golf outing, Dock Parties were held on Dock C, D, and E within August. This year summer event was the 80's Glow Party on August 17. The Commodore's Sail Races were held as follows, Race 3-July 4, Race 4-July 20, Race 5-August 3, and Race 6-August 17. September 1 will be the Labor Day Raft Up. P.I.Y.C. also participated in the Frolic on the Bay in July. The First Friday Happy Hour continued to be ever so popular throughout the Summer.

The Syria Shrine Mariners had an active Summer on shore this year. They were seen at the Potentate's Sportsman's Raffle (July 13), Syria Shrine Golf Tournament (July 29), the Friends and Family Picnic (August 10), and the 2024 Home Brew Fest (August 28). With Autumn approaching several Mariners were part of the Monthly Stage Band Swing Times Night.

The Zem Zem Sailors were on hand to help welcome the Erie community to the Zem Zem Shrine Car for Kids Day. This was an Antique-Classic car show that was held on Sunday, June 2, which is the Shriners International Annual Shrine Hospital Days. Once again, this year sailors assisted Erie Yacht Club with the Frolic on the Bay. This is a day when the local Yacht Clubs come together to take disadvantage children out on their boats for an afternoon cruise on Presque Isle Bay

Even though my home port is Pittsburgh, I read a wonderful article that was sent out by the Cleveland Magazine on Sunday, July 28. The article included the history and background of the Inter City Yacht Club. The Inter City Yacht Club is the only predominately Black operated Yacht Club within the United States, and is also a member of I.O.B.G. District 7. A Hardy Good Show goes out to P/C Rock Adams and Commodore Ryan Weekes.

As I write this article, the Yacht Clubs within Erie County are enjoying the summer water activities along the South Shore of Lake Erie. With the water temperature being 75 , this makes a fantastic time for swimming, boating, and relaxation. Autumn is fast approaching, and now is the time to enjoy the last of the Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer.

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Mariners Log

By

Bob Stanley M.S.A.

Commodore Ronn Murphy P.P. and P/C Mark Cain represented the Mariners and District 7 of I.O.B.G. at the I-LYA Summer Regatta at Put-In-Bay, Ohio. This year was the 131st Regatta which was held the last week of July. It brings together 139-member yacht clubs that form the Inter-Lake Yachting Association, which are in the Lake Erie Watershed.

Sunshine Chairman P/C John Baker has informed me at this writing (August 1) that sick bay is empty and we have a healthy crew.

Come join the Mariners as we join I.O.B.G. District 7 and 9 as we visit four wineries in the Madison-Geneva area. We will board the wine bus at the Holiday Inn Express in Madison on Saturday, September 14 at 1100 hours, for an afternoon of friendship and fun. We will return to the Holiday Inn Express at 1800 hours. This is one excursion where you do not have to pilot your boat or drive your car. Just sit back and enjoy the aroma of ripening grapes and gold medal award winning wines. If you've never experienced a wine day tour, this is the year to join us.

The September Al Koran Meeting will be held on Monday, September 16. The location and time will be in the official call of the Potentate in the September Al Koran Magazine on page 2.

Have you purchased your Sportsman's Raffle Ticket? You still have time to buy one. The drawing is to be held on October 31. This is Al Koran's major fundraiser. Tickets can be obtained from the Divan or the Recorder's Office.

There is one more parade for the 2024 season. This is the grand daddy 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 do not 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 harvest.

Our September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24 at the Edgewater Yacht Club. We will meet for grog and chow at 1800 hours and our business meeting commences at 1900 hours. Our nominating committee will present their slate of Bridge of Officers for 2025. At this time, other nominations can also be presented. With Labor Day behind us, we will be dressed in our winter uniforms. For information concerning Mariner's activities, contact Ronn Murphy P.P. at 216-702-6785.

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



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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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Well, the summer is nearing the end for us on the North Shores of Lake Erie.

This season has been pretty good for those on the water!

The I.O.B.G. has had several events this year starting with the I.O.B.G. cocktail Social at Huron Boat Basin in June and the Commodores Social at Put-In-Bay Yacht Club that took place in July during I-LYA Power Boat Regatta. I would encourage all our members to attend these events in the coming year.

The I.O.B.G. annual wine tour with District 7, 9 & 25 is coming up and will be the weekend of September 13th thru the 15th with our hospitality night on Friday (bring a dish to share) and the wine tour will be on Saturday. Reservations can be made at the Madison Holiday Inn Express & Suites or a nearby hotel for lodging.

Something big is coming to our area this year! The I.O.B.G. National Convention is taking place on Lake Erie's South Bass Island A.K.A. Put-in-Bay from October 10th thru the 13th. This year President Elect Steve Hyder from Detroit Beach Club will be taking the reins as President. I encourage all Delegates to attend the Convention to cast their area's vote for this year's Bridge. You must register in advance to attend this event. The Flyer is available online on the I.O.B.G. web site at www.iobg.org.

This year District 7 has led the way in total member with over 260 members. Thanks to Kathy McCarthy for her efforts keeping District 7 on top! Please if you are a Past Commodore of your Yacht Club and have not joined all the other Past Commodores, look at what a great organization you are missing out on and the many benefits we have to offer. It is with your support and membership District 7 will continue to lead the way when our vote, being the largest number cast at the National Convention.

I would like to thank our District Treasurer Kathy McCarthy for the timely manner she was able to get the Membership cards out this year. This was a large undertaking, she took it on and is trying to streamline the forms that she receives from all the districts to make it easier to get them out to the membership, so please assist her when filing your information.

Thank you, District Director

Christopher G. Aune

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Time to batten the hatches—fall is upon us! It has been a great summer with time spent at Put-in-Bay and many other boating events.

Now it is time to prepare for next year's boating season which will come upon us soon. We'll have plenty of activities to keep us busy with IOBG change of watch for District 7 and change of watch for International coming up at Put-in-Bay in October.

I've been grateful to see all the yacht clubs that have been promoting youth sail programs. It's great to see that these clubs are giving a younger generation the opportunity and encouragement to engage in organized activities that will help develop their social skills.

These types of programs will also strengthen the clubs and communities they're involved with in a significant way, helping to grow and promote the future of these clubs.

So a special shout out to all the people that are reaching out and sponsoring their youth sailing and boating programs.

Thanks to all the District 7 bridge and members for yet another great year. It's been a pleasure serving with everyone, time to start planning for next year. Thank you.

Kathryn McCarthy**Supply Officer****216-470-2857****kmccarthy725@yahoo.com**

If anyone IOBG member would like a burgee to fly on their boat, please send me \$25.00 (plus \$5.00 if I have to mail). **Display your membership proudly!**

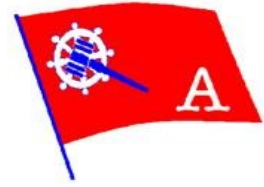
We also have arm patches for your Blue Blazer for \$15 and window decals for your car for \$2.00. I also can take orders for ties, shirts, etc. If interested, let me know what you would like.

FINAL VOYAGE

P/C Lou Barton

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

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I cannot believe how fast the summer went by. Chris & I were very busy traveling the Lake Erie Shores attending GCBA, IOBG & I-LYA events as well as those at our home clubs.

Our boats may be coming out of the water soon, but we can still get together and enjoy each other's company at the IOBG Wine tour in September and the Annual IOBG Convention in October in Put-in-Bay. Also, we are already making plans to confirm the date and time for our annual IOBGA Jingle & Mingle holiday party in December. Look for the upcoming save the date for all the info.

I am excited to let you know that our District 7 Auxiliary was able to donate to another "Books by Boaters" event. This past month we donated \$250 to the Catawba West Harbor Yacht Club (CWHYC) Commodore and Reading Specialist Kelly Maaraba for the East Toledo Family Center Trunk or Treat. This event is held in East Toledo around Halloween, and they distribute new and like new books to people of toddler age through adults. Commodore Kelly will be purchasing books with the donated funds for this book distribution.

If you have a charity or know of a charity where children can benefit from book donations, please reach out to one of the D7 Aux officers and we will be happy to work with you to make this happen.



See you in Madison for the wine tour. ***Cheers!***



International Order of the Blue Gavel

The Association of Past Commodores

**INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL
DISTRICT 7
CHANGE OF WATCH**

SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

**FOREST CITY YACHT CLUB
5301 NORTH MARGINAL ROAD
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44114**

Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Meeting starts promptly at 1:00 p.m.

ALL DISTRICT 7 MEMBERS ARE INVITED

Food and refreshments will be offered following the meeting

Dress is blues/greys

Please RSVP by September 21, 2024

**Reservations are needed to assure that enough food and
beverages are available for our members**

**Please RSVP to Lewie Kuhn – 440-823-0103
or kuhnfabinc@aol.com**

SAVE THE DATE

*8th Annual
IOBG District 7,9 & 25
Wine Tour*



September 13th & 14th 2024

@

*Holiday Inn Express & Suites
Madison, Ohio*



Saturday Bus Wine Tour

**Price approx. \$30/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 \$155.00/night + tax- “IHG” group Hotel

Reservation Deadline 08/15/2024

For reservations call 1-440-307-4449

FOR BUS RESERVATION EMAIL lloyd@windstream.net

****Please pre-pay Bus Fees to IOBG-D7 c/o Lloyd Bogue, PO Box 681, Geneva, OH 44041***

International Order of Blue Gavel D-7
Events for 2024

January 18-21st Cleveland Boat Show at the IX Center

February 7-21 GCBA Bowling Tournament @ Wickliffe Lanes

February 24th GCBA Bowling Banquet @ Croatian Lodge Eastlake, Oh.

February 10th IOBG E Board Meeting InterCity Yacht Club 11 am

March 24th IOBG Blue Blazer Social at North East Yacht Club (Cocktail party for new members) ****

April 5-7th ILYA Spring Meeting Westlake. Hospitality Rooms Friday night

April 17th IOBG E Board Meeting 7 pm

Sandusky Yacht Club Dinner at 5:30 if you are available ***

April 28th Brunch Cruise on The Lady Caroline 1 pm to 3:30 pm

May 27th USS COD Service 10 am Cleveland, OH Arrive by 9:45 am Dress Whites

June 22nd IOBG Cocktail Social @ Huron Boat Basin 12 to 2:30 pm ****

July 27th IOBG / ILYA Cocktail Social @ Put in Bay Yacht Club 1 pm District 9 to host
**** Booze Cooler Drawing

September 13-14th IOBG Wine Tour Geneva,

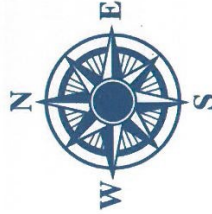
September 21st IOBG E Board Meeting T.B.A. ****

October T.B.A. IOBG Change of Watch ****

**** Important meeting to attend

What Is Our Humanitarian Foundation?

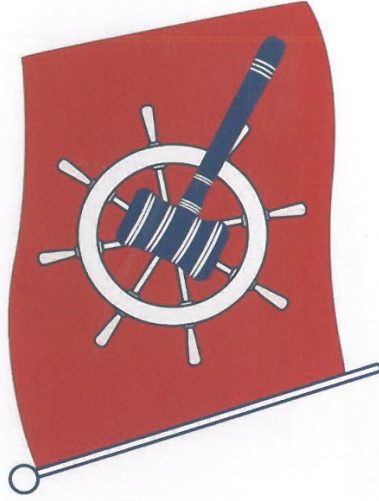
- It is a United States 501(c)(3) charitable organization
- It benefits communities by helping to fund boating activities and marine education
- Some programs the grants have helped fund:
 - * Youth sailing scholarships
 - * Safety equipment for special needs boaters
 - * Support for veterans' programs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



INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL

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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: _____

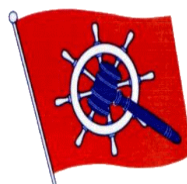
State: _____

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 Kuhn, or any District 7 officer.

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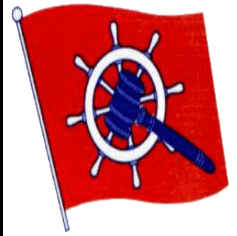
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