

IOBG-DISTRICT 7

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**Boating Season
Is Almost Here!**

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Upcoming Events

GCBA Memorial Day Ceremony
On the USS Cod—May 26th

GCBA Rendezvous—Huron Boat
Basin—June 20-22

IOBG Cocktail Social—Huron
Boat Basin—June 21

I-LYA Power Boat Regatta
July 23—27
IOBG Cocktail Social—July 26

I-LYA Sail Regatta—Aug 1—3

IOBG Wine Tour—Sept. 18th-20th

Ahoy, Past Commodores:

The Bridge Officers completed another E-meeting, at Huron Boat Basin, Thank you to Janice Bostic, VP for the invite. Also like to thank the Lady's Auxiliary for putting on the Lady Caroline cruise, "SELL OUT", wonderful time. Get the boats in the water, and go cruising.

All "IOBG" can partake in the following activities and events this summer along on the shores of Lake Erie. The International Order of the Blue Gavel with ties to the GCBA and I-LYA, these events and activities come to life. Please come and have fun and enjoy the awesome time being a member of IOBG.

Memorial Day, May 26th, 2025 in the morning staring at 9:30 am lining up at Burke Lake Airport; stepoff to march to the USS Cod, "submarine, WWII" to mourn the USA military personnel who have died while in the USA armed forces. followed by a wonderful breakfast at Lakeside Yacht Club, be there for the fellowship and then go boating.

Huron Basin event, with a cocktail party starting at 2 pm through 3:30 pm in Huron on June 21, 2025.

The Put-In-Bay week of events starts on Tuesday, July 22nd through Sunday, 27th with cocktails and dinners and awards and more. Fun times on the island. Don't miss it. Sign up today, www.I-LYA.org. See you there at PIB.

September 19th and 21th is the Phenomenal Wine Tasting tour in Madison, Ohio; with a hospitality room both nights and great wines to DRINK on Saturday! Thank you Lloyd and Ronda.

More details are included in each Chatter. Please read to the end of each Chatter, because all the information is there.

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Past Commodores please ask the current Commodore to join IOBG and spread the word or send me an email. Please invite the IOBG District 7 Bridge to your Commodore's Ball, Change of Watch and chapter meetings.

IOBG Chapter Presidents, please review your logs and update the paid membership with Kathryn McCarthy. Dues must be paid to be a member of the exclusive world association. We still have 40 unpaid members, these members will be terminated from the master list shortly, and they can't take part of any of the chapter's activities. **MUST HAVE A CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD.**

Please pay your Dues for this season and share your ideas with me to improve the FUN. You can only get fun out of IOBG if you show up.

AHOY! Ronn Murphy, President, District 7th, 2025
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Greetings from all the officers of District 7. We have a great year of events planned. We need to get almost 40 past members to renew. We have been sent out emails to remind these members to get their dues in. As the largest district in the Blue Gavel family, we are in jeopardy of losing our number one statistic to the state of Florida. Please remit your dues as soon as possible so this doesn't happen.

District 7 has a lot of upcoming events again this year, with a cocktail party at Huron to the annual wine tour. We need to hear from your club to find out what upcoming events you are having this year. We can get your information in the chatter, so other members are aware of what's happening around the district and at your club. Our officers and Vice Presidents are always available to attend one of your functions. The District 7 website lists all our officers' emails and phone numbers. I look forward to hearing from old members as well as new.

If you have questions I can answer or just more information on what Blue Gavel can do for you, please contact us. As President Elect, I challenge all Clubs to continue their support and goals of Blue Gavel. Blue gavel is made up of the "Best of the Best" in the boating community. Please have a safe and fun-filled boating season, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely...

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Rain rain go away. It seems like it's never ending this spring, but we are moving forward preparing for the boating season. Docks are going into the water; our clubs are cleaning up after the long winter and spring floods and we are all looking forward to a spectacular boating season.

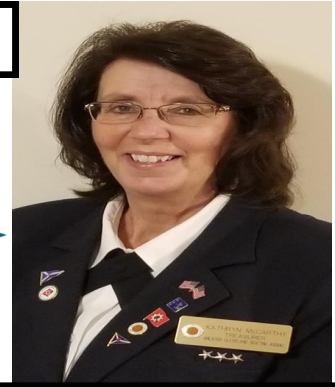
To start off the season right we had a fantastic cruise on Lady Caroline on April 27th. It turned out to be a beautiful day with great food and friends. If you were not able to make this year make sure you make a reservation early for next year.

On May 26th, Memorial services will be held at the USS Cod starting at 10 AM. I personally have not been to this ceremony before, I hear it is very moving, and I plan on being there this year. I hope others will be able to join on this special day.

June 20-22 is the GCBA summer rendezvous with an IOBG D7 cocktail social on June 21st. This will start at 2pm at the Huron Boat Basin. It is open to all IOBG D7 members, bring a friend and meet a new friend, it is a wonderful time.

July 27th IOBGD7/ILYA Cocktail social will be at Put-In-Bay Yacht club at 1 pm. District 9 will be hosting. If you are at the Bay stop in for this fun event.

Many of your clubs, Blue Gavel Chapters are doing events that support Blue Gavel. Please let us know what events are happening so we can attend and make sure they get into our newsletter. Our district again, continues to be the largest and "BEST" in the country. I hope to see many more of you at our upcoming events, as there's always room for more members and their friends.

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The long awaited 2025 boating season is finally here. Most of us have been busy getting our boats and docks ready for another season. My husband and I just got our boat launched two weeks ago. Now I ask mother nature to give us some warmer temperatures and a little less rain. My club had their annual shake down cruise planned for the Memorial Day weekend. We also make a trip to Geneva State Marina which is close for us (approximately 17 miles). It's a good chance to blow cobwebs out of the boats and make sure everything is running smoothly. However, colder temperatures, rain, and high anticipated waves on the lake have made us change plans this year. Plan B is to celebrate at our dock and clubhouse with a Karoke party Friday night and a Pot Luck Breakfast on Sunday morning, followed by a Memorial Day Ceremony put on by my husband and several other club veterans..

Monday, we will be at the USS Cod for the GCBA Memorial Day Ceremony. I hope many of you will plan on joining us. Ceremony starts at 10:00 am. We will honor all our fallen veterans along with deceased members from our various clubs.

My club will be hosting their annual Dock Walk and Poker Run June 7th which is always a great way to see everyone's boats and docks and share in some great food, beverages, and comradery

As treasurer, I encourage all of you, if you have not paid your 2025 dues, kindly do so as soon as possible. We value you as a member of District 7. You have served your club as a commodore and deserve to be a member of this prestigious organization.

Also, District 7 has been the largest District in the International for the past several years, but we are being overtaken by District 9, (Michigan/Toledo area). Since I also serve International in the membership card preparation, I can easily see the membership counts of each District. District 7 which runs from Erie to Sandusky has always been bigger in membership than District 8 which encompasses the whole state of Florida. At present, D-9 is about three members higher than us. So I beg you, if you have not paid your dues yet, please help us out and remit as soon as possible. A generic invoice is included in this article. Also, if you know a past commodore who is not already a member, kindly direct him to me or one of our officers.

As Chatter Editor, I have included flyers for the Memorial Day Ceremony at the USS Cod, the GCBA Rendezvous at the Huron Boat Basin, which includes an IOBG Cocktail Party, the I-LYA Power and Sail Regattas at Put-in-Bay, (another IOBG Cocktail Party at Put-in-Bay) and the IOBG Wine Tour in the fall. There are plenty of events to get together with your fellow members and friends.

I hope to see you at some of these events.



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Beaver Creek Boat Club
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 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

My home club, Huron Yacht Club, hosted the April 26th Executive Board Meeting. Following the meeting we had lunch, which was a chance for us to show off our chef's creations. We are approaching a very busy time at the club. Many boaters have launched their boats in the marina, and our gas dock is open. Some recent events include a Kentucky Derby party, bingo, Mother's Day brunch, the Yachtsman's Dinner, a golf scramble, Memorial Day service, and a fishing tournament. Our golf league has started and continues into August. The Power and Sail Fleet is cruising to Cedar Point June 20th, Vermilion July 25th, and Kelleys Island August 22nd.

The commodore of the Vermilion Yacht Club is interested in learning more about Blue Gavel. I sent him a Blue Gavel application for their past commodores, and a copy of our annual calendar. This is a great opportunity for us to increase our Blue Gavel membership.

Vermilion Harbor Yacht Club is having their annual steak fry fundraiser on June 7th. I am planning to attend this great event.

Vermilion Boat Club has been making some major renovations on their property along the docks on the river. Some of their activities include an action-packed Memorial Day weekend, a weekly 50/50 drawing on Wednesdays, an impressive Mother's Day Brunch, a Kentucky Derby party, and the Spring Wine Mingle.

I launched my boat for the first summer at Cedar Point. It's a great location; however, I was greeted by two water snakes on my dock! I hate snakes!

Have a fun and safe boating season!

Janice Bostic

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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
North Coast Sailing Singles
Northeast Yacht Club
Whiskey Island Yacht Club
Wildwood Yacht Club

Hello District 7

I hope this article finds everyone well. It has been a long winter but summer is finally here. I look forward to attending all the events and venues of various Yacht Clubs and organizations this summer. Please make sure that your boats are safe. And all the necessary safety equipment is on board. I myself has decided to take the boater safety course again just to remain fresh. I encourage all District 7 members who have not paid their dues this year to do so, so you can continue to enjoy the privileges of this prestigious organization. Be safe out there. Hopefully I will see you on the water.

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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



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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*



Hi everyone,

Memorial Day weekend is just around the corner, marking the exciting start of another boating season! Soon, we'll be busy with maintenance, polishing our boats, and getting them into the water. We'll also be setting up the docks and stocking the refrigerators with your favorite drinks, ready for some great times on the water.

As we gear up, let's remember that safety is our top priority. Please take a moment to visit the Coast Guard website and download the essential equipment list for your boat. Ensuring you have all the required items will help you pass any inspections and, more importantly, keep you and your passengers safe in case of an emergency. Remember to also check your lines, life preservers, and gauges.

For all the experienced boaters out there, you know the routine. If you happen to have new boaters nearby, please offer them a hand and share your knowledge to help them stay safe on the water as well.

Wishing you all a safe and fantastic boating season ahead!

And just a reminder, if you're planning a visit to Fairport Harbor Yacht Club, please feel free to call me at 440-376-4511 or send me an email at patrick@blinksigns.com.

Best regards,

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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



Char and I returned from London and a Western Mediterranean cruise . We visited Rome, Florence, Italy, Marseilles, France, Barcelona, Spain, and Gibraltar disembarking in Southampton, UK . It was 9 days of cruising, seeing the old next to the new, the 3000 year old Colosseum in Rome next to modern glass skyscrapers.

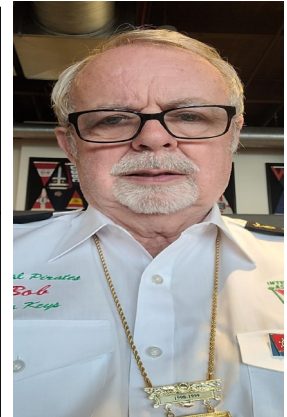
While we work to get our boats ready for this new boating season please keep in mind with a little time spent on checking things out of sight we can save ourselves some down time later in the season. We will then be ready to be out boating and fishing with friends.

We did not make the Brunch Cruise on the Lady Caroline, as we were on vacation, but I want to express my thanks to all who worked so hard for this get together to happen. I always look forward to it.

Have a good summer of boating and be safe on the water. It's takes all of us to keep our lake clean and healthy.

Many thanks,

Rick Langer

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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

Old Man Winter laid siege on Erie, PA. this winter. Erie received 102 inches of snow during the winter months. Thankfully, the winter snow of 2024-2025 is a distant memory.

Commodore Kevin Simmott has reported that Saturday, May 3 was designated as Commodore Perry's Yacht Club "Welcome To The Season". On Sunday, May 25, the C.P.Y.C. will honor all veterans and club members that have crossed the bar. With Spring arriving in Erie, the fleet of C.P.Y.C. boats are beginning to enter the water. They are expecting to have a great year for boating.

The 131st Opening Day Ceremonies of the Erie Yacht Club will be held on Monday, May 26, with the Blessing Of The Fleet. As in past years, a dinner will follow the celebrations in the ball room. This past winter provided our ice boaters the opportunity to once again ice sail on a frozen Presque Isle Bay, something they have missed in the last few years. This spring, the E.Y.C. Safety Committee hosted three safety courses. They were First Aid Training, Skipper Saver, and CPR/AED Training. The date for the E.Y.C. Foundation Boat House Party will be on Friday, July 11. This foundation supports funding to maritime education, promoting youth and collegiate sailing competitions, and expanding opportunities in boating. Sail races begin in May with Wednesday evenings, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Commodore Tracy Gustafson has announced that the 81st season of Presque Isle Yacht Club will begin on Sunday, May 25. A dinner will follow the opening ceremonies. Dock parties this summer will be:

Friday, June 20 A, B. Peach Street Party

Friday, June 27 Goof Off Party

Saturday, July 26 Margaritaville Party

Friday, August 15 C.D.E Party

Sunday, August 31 Raft Up Party

The Summer Big Party will be held during the Tall Ships Festival which will occur from August 21 to August 24. Erie is fortunate to have these historic tall ships from the past once again to sail into our harbor.

When the Syria Shrine Yacht Club Mariners are not cruising on the three rivers, you will find them at the Annual First Choice Wine Festival, and the Sportsman Bash. Always lending a helping hand, they will provide manpower for the Family and Friends Picnic in August. They have also lined up several summer dinners at various ports of call.

On Sunday, June 1, you will find the Zem Zem Sailors assisting Zem Zem Shrine in the Annual Shriners' Hospital Days. This open house helps the public awareness of who the Shriners are and how our Hospitals are there for children in need. The Sailors are looking forward to this year 2025 summer boating season.

The Army Corp of Engineers has reported that Lake Erie water level is 572 feet, which is two inches about the May average. The water temperature of Lake Erie off of Erie, PA., at this writing May 1, is 49 degrees.

Have a safe boating and wonderful summer

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Mariners Log

By

Bob Stanley M.S.A.

With the boating season upon us, we must remind boaters that the life jackets (P.F.D.) are useless unless they are worn. When venturing out to enjoy a day on Lake Erie or any other body of water, for your safety and your family's safety, always wear your P.F.D.

Our Sunshine Chairman P/C John Baker, has informed me that as of this writing (May 1), sick bay is empty and all are healthy and ready to enjoy the summer boating season.

At the recent meeting of the Ohio Shrine Association in Columbus, Ohio, Past Commodore Ronn Murphy P.P. has been elected and installed as 1st Vice President of the Ohio Shrine Association.

The June Al Koran Shrine business meeting will be held on Monday, June 16. The location will be in the official call of the Potentate in the June Al Koran Magazine on page 2.

As in the past years, there will be several Mariners and ladies who will be cruising to Huron, Ohio. This will be for the Annual Greater Cleveland Boating Association Rendezvous. The dates are June 20 and 21, while the port of call is the Huron Boat Basin.

The June Mariners meeting will be held on Tuesday June 24 at the Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club. Chow and grog commence at 1800 hours and our meeting will be rapped to order at 1900 hours.

With all our summer activities coming up, it is always good to remember if you and your lady are looking to have fun in our Shrine, come join the Mariners. For information concerning membership or activities of the Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club, contact Commodore Frank McEvoy P.M. at 614-377-1192.

The Mariners would like to wish all nobles of Al Koran Shrine a Happy Father's Day. Don't forget to fly your flag-on-Flag Day.

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



We finally made it to Boating season! The weather has finally decided to act like spring, hence, TIME FOR NAUTICAL STUFF.

Lately, District 7 Commodore, Ronn Murphy and I had the pleasure of attending the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club Commodore's Ball. Quite an event. Everything was First class: the Club itself, the food, the band and all of the staff members as well as the participants! This brings to mind one of the premiere concepts of all Yacht Clubs: Having fun with others with common interests. Typically, every one of the clubs in the IOBG District #7 welcomes members from the other clubs to visit their own clubs for dinners, activities and socials. Keep this in mind as you plan your events for the year. Many times we can collect ideas from other clubs regarding the events that they recommend as being fun and successful. Maybe some of those type of events would be great for your club as well.

Aladdin Shrine Yacht Club is planning a number of events this year, including entering their "Boat Float" into several parades: The Worthington Memorial Day parade, the Grove City parade and the Circleville Pumpkin Show. They are also in the process of planning outings, such as September dinner at Buckeye Lake, the annual "Change of Watch" dinner, etc. Stay tuned for more information.

Please take the time to inform us of your club's events this year, and we will make sure to mention them in our articles. Till then – "SAFE BOATING THIS SEASON"

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As the days grow longer and Lake Erie begins to sparkle with spring sunshine, Ohio's boating community is gearing up for another season of camaraderie, cruising, and commitment to safe boating. From the docks of Toledo to the harbors of Erie Pa., there's a shared sense of anticipation among us — and the International Order of the Blue Gavel (IOBG) is proud to be part of the heartbeat of that tradition.

The IOBG, made up of Past Commodores dedicated to the betterment of yachting and yacht clubs, plays a unique role in preserving the spirit of leadership on and off the water. On Lake Erie, and all over our region, our members remain active in local events, mentorship programs, and community outreach, ensuring that our clubs thrive not just in tradition, but in service and innovation.

As we embark on the 2025 boating season, we encourage all members and friends of the IOBG to embrace three core pillars: **Safety, Service, and Fellowship**. Wear your life jackets, look out for your fellow boaters, and lend a hand where needed — whether it's helping a new member dock for the first time or volunteering at a club clean-up day.

We're also excited to highlight several upcoming IOBG events that bring our community together:

June 21 – Join us for a **Cocktail Party on the Lawn** at the Huron Boat Basin from **2:00 to 3:30 PM** as part of the **GCBA Rendezvous**. Dress is casual whites. All are welcome!

July 27 – The **Blue Gavel I-LYA Cocktail Party** will be held at **Put-in-Bay Yacht Club** at **1:00 PM**. Dress whites are mandatory. Don't miss our **Booze Wagon Raffle** that afternoon!

September 18–20 – Our annual **Geneva Wine Tour** returns — a favorite fall getaway for many members.

October 23–26 – The **IOBG International Convention** sets sail aboard an MSC Cruise Ship, departing from **Port Canaveral, Florida** to the **Bahamas and back**. For special pricing, mention you're with the Blue Gavel Convention when booking. Visit the IOBG website for details or contact **Kevin Velez** at **MSC Cruises** at **1-786-482-6489**.

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Remember, the International Order of the Blue Gavel is the most prestigious organization in all of yachting. If you know a **Past Commodore** who is not yet a member, invite them to one of our events and encourage them to join us. The strength of our organization lies in the legacy and leadership of those who have served — and there's always room for more at the table.

This season, let's celebrate the strength of our community, the value of our traditions, and the joy of being on the water together. If you see a fellow member sporting the IOBG insignia, don't hesitate to stop and say hello — we're always ready to share stories, lend a hand, and toast to fair winds and following seas.

See you on the water!

P/C Lewie Kuhn

District 7 Director

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Hello to all you Blue Gavel Members, I can only hope that this rainy season will soon pass! I would like to remind you of upcoming events District 7 will be hosting. The first is the **IOBG Cocktail Social** which will take place on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at the **Huron Boat Basin** at 12:00 p.m. under the pavilion.

Please bring a dish or desert to share.

If you or your club can donate a gift for the raffle that would be appreciated. This is a great time to meet with old friends or make new ones.

There will basket & 50/50 raffles as in the past as well as your favorite beverages. Whether you come by land or sea all are welcomed!

The second event will take place on July 26, 2025 at **Put-In-Bay Yacht Club** at 12:00 noon. This event is another cocktail social for the three Districts 7, 9, 25 to honor the **2025 I-LYA Commodore Scott Kneisel**. District 25 will host this year's social. We are looking forward to seeing you all there. Again, you don't need to come by your own craft but can take the Jet Express or the Miller Ferry and stay for the afternoon and return back home in the evening. Summer dress whites with long pants is the dress code for this cocktail party.

Lastly District 7 will again by hosting the **Great Wine Tour** hosted by P/C **Lloyd Bogue and Lady Rhonda** in Madison, Ohio on Rt.528 off I-90 on Saturday September 20th. Please look for the flyer for hotel and winery information. If you plan on attending, please bring a dish or desert to share as there will be a hospitality room Friday night and Saturday after we return from the wineries. So, this will wind down the season as many of you plan to go south for the winter.

Wishing you all a safe and fun filled summer!!!!

P/C Christopher G. Aune

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If anyone IOBG member would like a burgee to fly on their boat, please send me \$32.00 (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

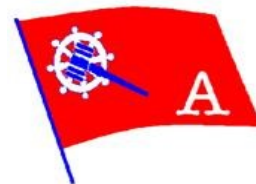
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P/C Al Mighton

Tony Durieux

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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A big shout out to everyone who joined us on the Lady Caroline on April 27th. We had great weather, a scenic ride, and a fabulous brunch aboard this beautiful ship.

I want to thank all the IOBGA Past Presidents who worked to put this event together and who sold basket raffle tickets: Marianne Dempster, Mary Romano, & Rhonda Rich. You ladies are impressive, and I appreciate you.

Also, a big thank you to everyone who bought raffle ticket for the baskets to support our cause "Books by Boaters." Basket donations were made by: IOBG D7, GCBA, 2024 Ladies of I-LYA, Vermilion Boat Club Blue Gavel, Past GCBA Commander Tony Ciero & Lynda, and GCBA Secretary Ann Richards and Past Commander Dave Richards.

A fantastic time was had by all, and we look forward to filling the ship again next year!

Thank you again to everyone for your support!!!

Our next IOBG event will be at the USS Cod on Monday May 26th for the GCBA Memorial Day Service. Also, the D7 Blue Gavel Cocktail Party during the GCBA Rendezvous at the Huron Boat Basin on Saturday June 21, 2025. Hope you can join us.

Ladies of District 7 IOBGA



P/P & Int'l P/P Nancy Kay, Shari Breelo,
P/P Debbie Yearick, P/P & Int'l P/P Sandy Durieux
& Rosemary Sukis



P/P Rhonda Rich & P/P/ Marianne Dempster



Vice President P Joan Oshaben
& President Gina Aune



MEMORIAL DAY



Join us for a special ceremony as we remember those who have served and sacrificed for our country aboard the historic USS COD.

Parade line up will begin at Burke Lake Airport at approximately 9:30am. Together we will march to the USS COD. Anyone wishing to have a family member honored during the service must please send a notice to Flag Lieutenant Nick Hostottle at nickhostottle@yahoo.com by May 17, 2025. Please include the full name of family member, name of club membership, and/or branch of office. Any deceased members names provided before March 1, 2025 will be added to the "Who's Who" book. We look forward to seeing many of you on May 26, 2025!

GCBA SUMMER RENDEZVOUS

at

The Huron Boat Basin



JUNE 20-22, 2025

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



FRIDAY JUNE 20

- 12:00 - 5:00 Registration & Check-in at HRB docking office.
- 7:00 - 9:00 Event Kick-off Party - burgers, dogs, chips, beer and music by the docks - cost TBD but will be minimal. The evening will include a 50/50 raffle and a contest for best dressed male and female costume. Use your imagination and let us see your most "original" superhero attire. Gift cards will be awarded to the first and second place winners.

SATURDAY JUNE 21

- 6:30 - 10:00 Coffee, juice, donuts and "eye openers" by the docks ("only donuts" from 6:30 - 7:30)
- 7:00 - 1:00 Annual GCBA Golf Outing. This year's course will once again be Thunderbird Hills Golf course. Contact Pat Mulvey directly 216.214.6111 for cost and reservations.
- 9:00 - 1:00 Registration & Check-in at HRB docking office. Tickets will be made available for the donated auction gift baskets. In addition, each club/organization is asked to supply a Gift Basket with a value of at least \$80 to raffle off. Attendees can also purchase "poker hands" which will be opened later in the day.
- 11:00 - 3:00 NEW THIS YEAR - members of the ODNR, Division of Wildlife, US Coast Guard, Harbor Patrol and Ohio Clean Marinas will be on hand to make brief presentations and answer any questions we may have. Vessel safety checks can also be performed on your boat IF REQUESTED and a "safety" sticker awarded.
- 2:00 - 3:30 IOBG COCKTAIL PARTY - Please bring an appetizer to share during this event. An array of complimentary alcoholic drinks will be provided courtesy of IOBG. 50/50 raffle tickets benefiting IOBG will also be sold.
- 3:30 - 4:30 Reveal winners of Auction Baskets, best Poker hand, IOBG 50/50 drawing and golf prizes.
- 6:00 - 7:00 CATERED DINNER MESENBURG'S - Honey Wine Chicken Breasts, Meatloaf, vegetable Lasagna, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Corn, Garden Salad, rolls/butter fruit, and desserts. Beverages will also be provided during dinner. Dinner cost is \$25 per person in advance. NOTE: DINNER TICKETS MUST BE ORDERED & PAID FOR IN ADVANCE SO FOOD CAN BE ORDERED. SAME DAY DINNER TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE. Dinner tickets must be purchased no later than Friday 6/13/25 (see note below).
- 7:00 - 10:00 Enjoy live music by "Swamps of Jersey" a Bruce Springsteen cover band at the Boat Basin Amphitheater

SUNDAY JUNE 22

- 8:00 - 10:00 Coffee, juice, donuts and "eye openers" by the dock.

Dockage reservations at the Huron Boat Basin can be made by calling Bryan Edwards on 419.433.4848. Limited Dockage is available so reserve early!

Send dinner payment & order form to Kathy McCarthy - 8577 Hilltop Dr. Mentor, Ohio 44060. Kathy can be reached at (216) 470-3857 or kmccarthy725@yahoo.com. Make checks payable to GCBA.

If you have any questions about the event itself, please call P/C Tony Ciero (216) 210-9015.

GCBA 2025 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS at the HURON BOAT BASIN ORDER FORM

Dinner Served 6:00 – 7:00 Saturday, 6/21/25

Honey Wine Chicken Breasts, Meatloaf, Vegetable Lasagna, Garlic Mashed Potatoes,
Buttered Corn, Garden Salad, rolls/butter, fruit, and desserts. Beverages will also be provided.

(NAMES PLEASE)

#1 _____ #2 _____

#3 _____ #4 _____

CLUB _____

Dinner tickets _____ @ \$35.00 each \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Mailing address _____

Deadline for dinner ticket purchase is June 13th. Tickets are limited please order them early.

Make check payable to GCBA and mail to Treasurer Kathy McCarthy, 8577 Hilltop Dr. Mentor, Ohio 44060.
Kathy can be reached at 216.470.2857 or kmccarthy725@yahoo.com with any questions.



I-LYA POWER BOAT REGATTA

JULY 23 -27

Come join in fun for the entire family! All I-LYA Boaters and members are invited to our Annual Powerboat Regatta, including kids who are encouraged to join in.

SCAN ME



ADULT ACTIVITIES

On-The-Water Events
Corn Hole
Co-Ed Volleyball & Softball
Putt-Putt Golf *
Golf Tournament *
Pub Crawl *
Mt. Gay Rum & Tito's Party
Inflatable Boat Races
Beer Trailer
Kayak Boat Races
Tug-A-War On the Water
Award Ceremony
Ladies Tea
*Small Fee May Apply

JR. POWER 12-18 (\$10)

SAFE Boating Seminar &
Navigation Contest
Scholarship Opportunities
Fishing Contest & Geo Quest
Putt-Putt Golf & Movie Night
Co-Ed Softball, Volleyball & Cornhole
Kayak Races & Tug-A-War On-the-
Water
Award Ceremony

KIDS 5-11 (FREE)

Fishing Contest
Geo Quest
Putt-Putt Golf
Movie Night

SOCIAL PACKAGES

Boaters \$60.00
Non-Boaters \$75.00
Kids Steak Dinner \$15.00

Social Package includes
Spaghetti Dinner, Taco Dinner,
Chicken & Steak Roast, Hot
Dog Roast as well as entrance
to all functions and beer
trailer.

Visit the Website
i-lya.org

For more information or questions, contact Registrar Nate Edmunds
734.646.3436

registrarei-lya.org



I-LYA Sailing

I-LYA 2025 PHRF Championship series features Eastern and Western divisions. **FIVE (5)** qualifying races are necessary and the **132nd Bayweek Regatta** is a **DOUBLE COUNTER** in both divisions.

2025 Bayweek NOTICE OF RACE on **Yacht Scoring**. **Register by July 7** for reduced registration fees.



For more information visit: i-lya.org

I-LYA Bayweek Regatta August 1-3

At Put-in-Bay Yacht Club, Put-in-Bay, Ohio

Professionally Run Race Courses:

PHRF Fleet Race around the islands with windward/leeward races if time/conditions allow.

Single and **Double-hand Fleets** one to two around-the-island races per day.

JAM Fleet One to two island races per day as conditions allow. **Cruising Fleet** One island race per day.

Hobie Wave/Portsmouth Dinghy Fleets

Multiple windward/leeward or triangle windward/leeward races each day.

Race to PIB

Deepwater Racing from Cleveland (7/30) & Toledo (7/31) or the **Steeplechase Race** (8/1) from Sandusky Bay!

On Shore

Socialize at PIBYC with **FREE BEER*** during Daily Awards, a Friday night **Mount Gay Rum Party** and a Saturday **Tito's Party!**

Ladies Tea Saturday afternoon.
Register online at i-lya.org or at PIBYC.

Each skipper will receive an allotment of competitor/crew wristbands with their boat registration to participate in nightly socializing. Additional wristbands available for purchase at a nominal fee.

* Free Beer with wristband, rum and vodka parties included.



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

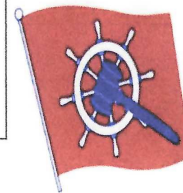
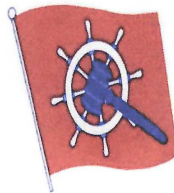
Everyone had a blast.

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 lloydbugue@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

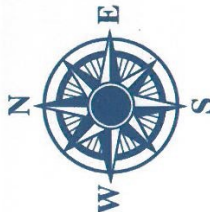
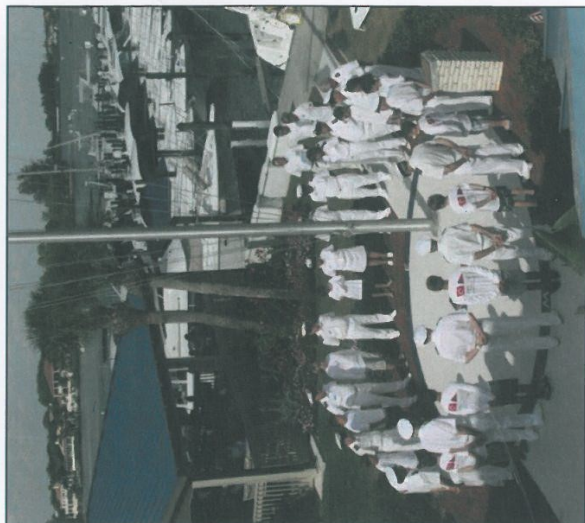
I-LYA: www.i-lya.org

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?

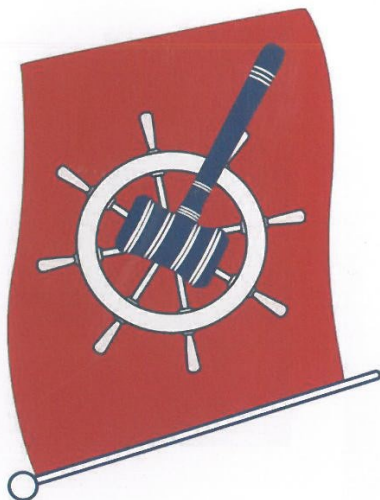
- It is a United States 501(c)(3) charitable organization
- It benefits communities by helping to fund boating activities and marine education
- Some programs the grants have helped fund:
 - * Youth sailing scholarships
 - * Safety equipment for special needs boaters
 - * Support for veterans' programs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



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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 Murphy, or any District 7 officer.

www.iobgdistrict7.com

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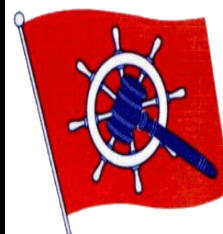
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