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**Boating Season
Is Here!**

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Upcoming Events

**GCBA COD Ceremony
May 27**

**GCBA Rendezvous in Huron
June 21-23**

**I-LYA Power Boat Regatta
July 24—28**

**IOBG Wine Tour
Sept. 13-14**

**GCBA Commander's Ball
Nov. 8-10**

Spring is here and the boats are finally going in the water.

We had a great Blue Blazer event this past March. We inducted 7 new members. Congratulations to them all. Thanks to North East Yacht Club for hosting us and to everyone on the board who helped make the event a success.

I also want to thank Sandusky Yacht Club for hosting us at our E board meeting this past April. What a beautiful club they have. Thanks for taking care of us.

We have our Cooler of Cheer Raffle going on with the drawing coming up July 27th at our Cocktail party at Put-In-Bay Yacht Club. Get you tickets now. There is a flier in this edition of the Chatter, you can Venmo me and I will send you the tickets. Winner need not be present at the drawing.

I was disappointed to hear that The Lady Caroline was canceled this year due to mechanical problems. This was always such a great event. We will have to wait till next year to see the ship.

The International Order of Blue Gavel is one of the most prestigious organizations in all of yachting, a Past Commodore can only be sworn in after completing the membership application and sending in their dues payment to District 7. They then need to be sworn in by a member of the executive board. This can be an area VP or an officer on the board. We are always available to swear in new members just contact any one of us on the board and we will get it taken care of.

The Memorial Day Memorial Service will be May 27th on board the USS COD. Services start at 10 am so meet at Burke Lake Front Airport by 9:45 am, dressed in your summer whites. We will then have a procession over to the COD.

June 22nd is a IOGB cocktail party at the Huron Boat Basin starting about 12:30 Come join us for a refreshing cocktail.

July 23-28th is the ILYA Power Boat Regatta at Put in Bay.

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July 27th is the IOBG cocktail party at Put-In-Bay Yacht Club at 1pm for all Past Commodores. This will also be our drawing to find the winner of our cooler of cheer.

I wish you all a good summer and smooth sailing.

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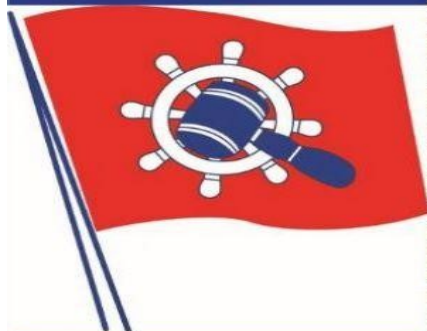


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\$10. EACH OR 3- \$25.

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Horse Soldier Bourbon
Tito's
Jameson
Tanqueray
Crown Royal
Cabo Tequila
Glenlivet 14 Scotch



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Ahoy, Past Commodores:

The Bridge Offices completed another E-meeting, Thank you.

Get the boats in the water, this year was the Solar-Eclipse and now the Northern-Lights, both seen on Lake Erie, WOW!

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 27th, 2024 in the morning starting at 9 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 Intercity 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.

The Put-In-Bay week of events starts on Tuesday, July 23rd through Sunday, 28th with cocktails and diner and awards. Fun times on the island. Don't miss it. Sign up today, www.I-LYA.org. See you there at PIB.

September 13th and 14th is the Phenomenal Wine Tasting tour in Madison, Ohio; with a hospitality room both nights and great wines to DRINK!

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

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 and chapter meetings.

Please pay your Dues for this season and share your ideas with me to improve the FUN.

AHOY! Ronn Murphy, President-Elect, District 7th, 2024

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Time to update what's happening so far for this spring. A lot of boats are beginning to go in the water in our area. So far, although I have finished getting our boat ready, it hasn't made it to the dock yet. I have visited a few clubs so far including the Beaver Park Yacht Club and Sandusky Yacht Club. Sandusky Yacht Club is working on numerous improvements to their club, including dredging and new concrete walkways around their docks. Many clubs in our area, most of the clubs around here are or already completed the spring clean ups and ready for another great boating season. Many events are coming up in Blue Gavel this year, starting with Memorial Services at the USS Cod. Huron Boat Basin gets together, always a great time and well attended. Hope to visit many more clubs this year to meet old friends as well and make new ones. Please let us know what your club is planning this season so we may attend your functions. Our officers are ready and willing to attend any time we are available. Please send Kathy your club's calendar and we would be happy to get them in our newsletter. As a member of VBC, I invite all clubs to come and see our facilities. Hope to see you at our upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Larry Uebbing

1st VP District 7

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It is of great pleasure for me to say that as of the writing of this article, District 7 remains in the top position for the most membership in the entire International Order of Blue Gavel. As of today, I report that we have 259 members. We could do better as there are a few individuals who have not paid their 2024 dues. If you happen to be one of them, please do so now so we can include you in our total membership count for this year.

I have continued processing membership cards for International, so hopefully, everyone is getting their cards, and in a more-timely manner. If you paid your dues and did not receive your membership card, please let me know. Also, please let us know when you have any changes in your address, phone number, or email. Along that note, if an IOBG District 7 member you know tells you they are not getting the “Chatter”, it’s probably that we don’t have a correct email. I try to keep our data base up to date.

Since our last edition of the “Chatter”, we have some additional new members that have joined us in District 7. A warm welcome to the following:

Patrick Steadman – Ashtabula Yacht Club

John Zelli – Edgewater Yacht Club

Michael Walsh – All Ports Yacht Club

Ron Anzells – West Channel Yacht Club

Eric Patrick – Forest City Yacht Club

Rick Artino – Ohio River Valley

On a personal note, our boat, the “Perfect Match” was launched on May 4th and we are set for another great boating season. Our club, REYC, held its annual “Launch” Party last weekend which was well attended by membership. We will be holding a Dock Walk in June and our big Summerfest Party on July 20th featuring the band “Big in Japan”. We will have an outdoor tent and stage and dance floor along with great food and refreshments. Tickets for dinner and the show are only \$45.00. If you are interested in coming, let me know.

As a reminder, I hope many of you will keep November 9th open and plan on attending the GCBA Commander’s Ball at the Westlake Doubletree. At that time, I will be sworn in as the 2025 Commander. Hope you will come support me! But don’t worry, I will not be leaving my District 7 duties behind.

Included in the “Chatter” are many flyers of various upcoming events this boating season. I hope you can take the opportunity to attend some of these events. It’s a great way to meet fellow boaters and make new friends.

Treasurer—Kathryn McCarthy—**continued****216-470-2857 kmccarthy725@yahoo.com**

A little side note regarding our auxiliary members. Membership cards are issued separately from our IOBG member cards. When payment is issued to the IOBG treasurer, the auxiliary portion is sent to auxiliary treasurer, and then person in charge of auxiliary cards issues membership cards. So there may be a time delay between when IOBG members receive their cards and when auxiliary members receive their card. If after reasonable time, the auxiliary member doesn't get their card, please let us know.

For those of you who do not know, the roll of our District 7 Vice Presidents is to be a liaison between IOBG and your club. We provide their contact information in the Chatter. If your club has a special event that you would like published in our "Chatter", feel free to reach out to your area VP or to me. I publish the "Chatter" quarterly (Dec. 1, Mar. 1, June 1, and Sept. 1). I do my best to keep up on email addresses for our members, but if you know someone who says they are not getting the "Chatter" or any other correspondence we send out, please have them contact me to verify email addresses.

NEWS FLASH!!

On a personal note, I am excited to announce that I have been nominated to be the Greater Cleveland Boating Association's 2025 Commander. I look forward to serving GCBA and hope to encourage more participation from its membership clubs. The GCBA Commander's Ball will be held the weekend of November 8th, 9th, and 10th at the Westlake Doubletree, and I would truly appreciate if many of you would plan to attend to support me and the 2025 E-Board and Trustees. I've enclosed a SAVE THE DATE flyer for now as we work on finalizing details.

Also, to help me plan a fantastic ball, I am sponsoring a small fundraiser for a 52" 50,000 BTU Outdoor Wicker Propane Gas Fire Pit Table w/Aluminum Tabletop, and Glass Wind Guard. A flyer with more details is also attached. If you would like to sponsor me, raffle tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00. You can contact me at kmccarthy725@yahoo.com or phone 216-470-2857 or mail a check to 8577 Hilltop Drive, Mentor, Ohio 44060 (payable to GCBA) and I will mail you raffle tickets

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!.



SAVE THE DATE

GREATER CLEVELAND BOATING ASSOCIATION

COMMANDER'S BALL

**HONORING
2025 COMMANDER**

KATHRYN MCCARTHY

November 8th, 9th, & 10th 2024

**Please Plan to Join Me and
the 2025 E-Board and Trustees
at the Double Tree Hotel, Westlake, Ohio**

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

**I have had the opportunity to meet many of you through
my many involvements in REYC, GCBA, IOBG, and I-LYA. I now
have the opportunity to serve as the 2025 GCBA Commander.
I hope many of you will plan to support me by attending.**



GREATER CLEVELAND BOATING ASSOCIATION

COMMANDER'S BALL
HONORING 2025 COMMANDER
KATHRYN MCCARTHY

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TO SUPPORT THE BALL

TICKETS \$10.00 / 3 FOR \$20



Win a Best Choice Products 52 in 50,000 BTU Outdoor Wicker Propane Gas Fire Pit Table w/Aluminum Tabletop, Glass Wind Guard, Clear Glass Rocks, Cover, Slide out Tank Holder, and Lid

Great Way to Entertain over Cocktails and a "Fancy Fire"

**Drawing will be held at the GCBA Rendezvous in Huron
June 22, 2024. Winner does not need to be present.**

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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

It was very enjoyable to see many of you at the Spring meeting for ILYA in Westlake. It is always a fun time with great comradery.

The Clubs of Cleveland West are coming alive and starting to hold many different functions and fund raisers. In April we started to see Early Bird parties for those of you who could not wait for boating season, and we also saw some seminars being sponsored by the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Power Squadron. Huron Yacht Club held a "Suddenly in Command" seminar that was led by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. This type of educational course could be a focus for many of our chapters in Cleveland West to promote safe boating and education. The Vermilion Boat Club held a model sailboat regatta in April. This regatta was held on the Vermilion River and fun was had by all, this type of event could also be a learning experience for club members and children.

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. I will start out with the Vermilion Boat Club chapter, who will be hosting two fundraisers this year. The first will be an October Fest, on September 7th, 2024 and then a Clam Bake on October 5th, 2024. Please put these on your calendar to come and join in with the VBC Blue Gavel crew and have some good food and fun.

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

Wishing Everyone a Wonderful and Safe Summer Ahead

As the warm weather arrives and summer quickly approaches, it's time to start planning for a season full of fun, relaxation, and time spent outdoors. No matter how you choose to spend the summer months, I hope everyone can find opportunities to rest, recharge, and make lasting memories. Whether it is planning a trip to the beach, firing up the grill for some backyard barbecues, or simply enjoying the longer daylight hours. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer season ahead. Take time to soak up the sun, try new activities, and cherish quality time with family and friends.

One way to make the most of summer is to get involved with the events and programming hosted by local yacht clubs and nautical organizations. In particular, I encourage everyone to support the upcoming activities organized by the International Order of the Blue Gavel. Throughout the summer, Blue Gavel chapters and districts around the world will be hosting a variety of social events, regattas, and educational opportunities for their members and the public. These gatherings are wonderful opportunities to celebrate the job of recreational boating, learn new sailing skills, and connect with fellow enthusiasts. I urge everyone with an interest in the water to attend and participate in these Blue Gavel events in your local area.

No matter how you choose to spend your summer, I hope it is a season filled with happiness, relaxation, and wonderful memories. Wishing you all safe travels and smooth sailing in the months ahead!

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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's sure nice seeing the docks back in the water and boats being dropped in for the season.

Hope everyone is able to get out on the water and enjoy. Here's a simple tip for safe boating.

Make sure you have a GPS installed on your boat or pack a compass. Your phone is also a great resource (provided it's charged and you have signal!!) Check out the Know Wake and Argo apps. Always let someone know where you're going and about when you'll be back. And, make sure to have extra water and snacks aboard, just in case your trip ends up longer than expected. Stay safe and happy boating.

Save-the-date for this year's GLOPRA - The Great Lakes Offshore Powerboat Racing Association will hold the Eastlake Willoughby Offshore Grand Prix on the Chagrin River in Eastlake from July 12-14. Visit the event website for more information at www.eastlakeoffshorerace.com or follow them on Facebook.

Anchors away,
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Cleveland East V.P.

Northeast VP—Patrick Setele

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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 Fellow Boaters

What my plan is to promote the Clubs that are a part of the Northeast District 7. This article is about Western Reserve Yacht Club, known as the club that “Shakes the Lakes”. Established in 1969, WRYC has something for everyone. Located at 1325 High Street, Fairport, Ohio 44077. Clubhouse number 440-354-9813. Wryc.clubexpress.com

Event Calendar below

- 1) Boating Flea Market Saturday May 25th
- 2) Steak Roast Featuring Music Act the Shizz Band Saturday June 15th
- 3) Dingy run Saturday July 20th
- 4) Pig Roast Luau party with band from 77 Saturday August 17th
- 5) Mortgage burning party with a band September 14th
- 6) Pumpkin cruises Friday September 27th
- 7) Clambake October 12th

Also, River's Edge Yacht Club which was established June of 1997 with boaters at the Riverbend Marina. It is located at 1313 High Street, Fairport, Ohio (approximately 41degrees44.14N/081 degrees16.28W on the Grand River within the Riverbend Marina. They are I-LYA and GCBA affiliated and offer transient dockage with power and water, and an air-conditioned clubhouse facility. They are known as “The Best Club on the River”. Reyc1997@yahoo.com website reyc.net

Event Calendar below

- 1) Memorial Day Boat Trip Geneva Marina May 24-27th
- 2) Dock Walk June 8th
- 3) Summerfest 2024 featuring “Big in Japan” July 20th
- 4) Labor Day trip Geneva Marina August 30-2nd
- 5) Clambake Sept. 28th
- 6) Kid's Halloween Party October 18th
- 7) Adult Halloween Party October 19th
- 8) Ladies Luncheon and Chinese Auction November 3rd
- 9) Kids Christmas Party December 8th
- 10) Adult Christmas Party December 14th

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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



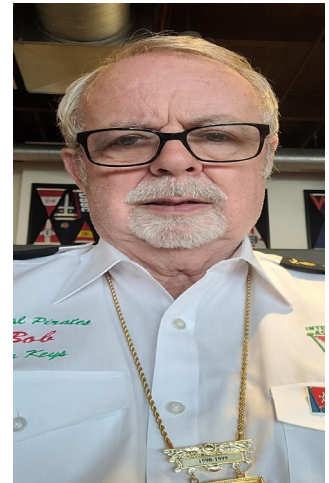
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Commodore Perry Yacht Club
Erie Yacht Club
Presque Isle Yacht Club
Sea Rangers Boat Club
Syria Shrine Mariner
Zem Zem Sailors Yacht Club



Finally Spring has sprung and our 2024 boating season is upon us.

Commodore Chris Ward has reported that Saturday, May 4 is designated as Commodore Perry's Yacht Club "Welcome To The Season". On Memorial Day, Monday May 27, the C.P.Y.C. will honor our country, all veterans, and yacht club members that have taken their final voyage. As in past boating seasons, C.P.Y.C. always welcomes transient visitors.

The 130th Opening Day Ceremonies of the Erie Yacht Club will be held on Monday, May 27, with the Blessing of the Fleet. A dinner will follow the ceremonies which will be in the ball room. The Erie Yacht Club Foundation Boat House Party will be on Friday, July 5. This foundation supports funding to advance maritime education, promoting youth and intercollegiate sailing competitions, and expanding opportunities in boating. Every other week through out the Summer, E.Y.C. will hold a Family Jam Division Sail Race. This offers the ability to sail with your entire family, children and friends. It uses a handicap system applied to each boat using elapsed time during the race. Other E.Y.C. sail divisions include the Spinnaker and Jib & Main Classes with sailing competition on a weekly basis.

Commodore Jennifer Skolnik has announced that the 80th season of Presque Isle Yacht Club will begin on Sunday, May 26. This will be the opening day ceremony with dinner afterward. Prior to opening day, P.I.Y.C. had one of their famous Fry Party's on March 3. Throughout June and July, there will be a boatload of sail races. The dates are as follows:

Sail Race #1 June 8

Sail Race #2 June 22

Fourth of July

Sail Race #3 July 6

Sail Race #4 July 20

On June 28, there will be the annual A.B. Peach Dock Party, July 12 will be the ever popular Goof Off Party.

Pennsylvania—Robert Stanley-continued

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Commodore Bill Woods has arranged for the Syria Shrine Yacht Club to have a day cruise once again on Lake Arthur in Moraine State Park. This popular State Park is located off I79. The Mariners will also enjoy the camaraderie of several dinners at various ports of call. Two members boats were spared in the April floods in Pittsburgh. Their yacht club, Peggy's Cove, was decimated by 22 runaway barges, destroying over 70 docks. Luckily for the boat owners, all their boats were still dry docked on land when the flooding occurred. Peggy's Cove boating season has been lost.

The Mariners of Zem Zem Yacht Club will leave their boats docked on Sunday, June 2. On that day, they will assist Zem Zem Shrine in the Cars for Kids which is an antique - classic car show and 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 Army Corp of Engineers has reported that Lake Erie water levels are expected to be 4" to 13" lower than it was in 2023. While Lake Erie level is predicted to be lower for the year, water levels are expected to be 10" to 11" above the long-term average levels. The water temperature of Lake Erie off Erie, PA., at this writing May 5 is 54°

Mariners Log
By
Bob Stanley M.S.A.

The Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club has become a member of the Inter-Lake Yachting Association. The I-LYA encompasses yacht clubs that are established on the shore of the Great Lakes. The 135 yacht club members are from both the United States and Canada.

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 a recent meeting of the Ohio Shrine Association in Cincinnati, Ohio, Commodore Ronn Murphy P.P. has been elected and installed as 2nd President of the Ohio Shrine Association.

The mystery question of the month is as follows. How many of you readers have ever heard of Ellenberg, Ohio? What was it located and what was it famous for? The answer will be in the July Mariners Log.

Once again, this year, Al Koran Shrine will be holding a Sportsman's Raffle. The date is October 31, and tickets can be purchased from Commodore Ronn or any Divan members. A winning ticket can purchase any item at Fin, Feather, and Fox.

The June Al Koran Shrine business meeting will be held on Monday, June 17. 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 21 and 22, while the port of call is the Huron Boat Basin.

The June Mariners meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25, at the Edgewater 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 Ronn Murphy P.P. at 216-702-6785.

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



NO COMMENT

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With our boats in the water and the weather being hot and sunny – it's time to have some lake fun!!

I know everyone is busy with their own club calendar of events but plan early and come to one of our IOBG events!

Our District 7 cocktail party during the GCBA Rendezvous at the Huron Boat Basin on Saturday June 22nd. If you haven't been to the boat basin – come on out and check it out – it is a very nice facility.

We also will be having a cocktail party during the I-LYA Power Boat Regatta on Saturday July 27th at the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club. Treat yourself to a ferry ride to the island and join us for the day!

Our annual wine tour will be on Saturday September 14th with a hospitality night on Friday at the Madison Holiday Inn.

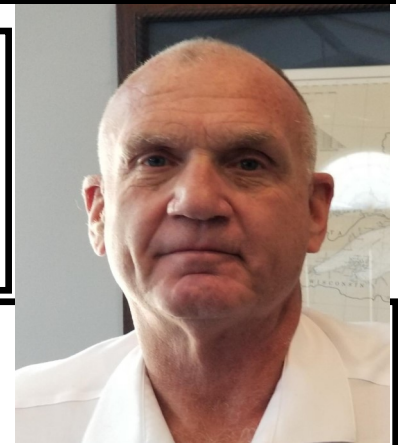
Here are plenty of other activities sponsored by our the GCBA, I-LYA, and AYC. Check the newsletter for upcoming events and come out and visit with old friends and hopefully make some new ones!

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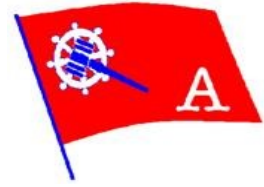
If anyone IOBG member would like a burgee to fly on their boat, please send me \$25.00 (plus \$5.00 if I have to mail). **Display your membership proudly!**

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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It was with great sadness that we had to cancel our annual IOBGA District 7 Brunch Cruise this year.

Last year the Nautica Queen Cruise ship was replaced and updated with the Lady Caroline, and we were all excited about being on the newer ship this year.

Unfortunately, the Lady Caroline is undergoing some massive repair work, and it will not be back in service until tentatively sometime this month if they can get all the parts needed for the repairs.

A BIG thank you to our Treasurer, Mary Romano, for issuing all the refund checks and Past President Marianne Dempster for collecting the registrations and notifying everyone of the event cancellation.

It is disappointing as this cruise is always a great way to start off the boating season.

This event is our District 7 Auxiliary's only fund raiser of the year and we had secured baskets and donations from IOBG District 7, the Ladies of I-LYA, GCBA, GCBA Past Commander Tony Ciero and Lady Lynda, GCBA Recording Secretary Ann Richards and Past Commander Dave Richards and IOBGA Secretary Shari Kuhn and IOBG D7 President Lewie Kuhn.

We appreciate all of these donations and will hold onto them for next year's cruise. Thank you everyone who donated!

President IOBGA Auxiliary – Gina Aune—continued
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Looking ahead, please save the date as we have secured the last Sunday in April for next year's cruise which will be Sunday April 27th, 2025.

Thank you again to everyone who registered to join us for this event. Again, I apologize for having to cancel but as boat owners, we all know the struggles if your boat is not running.

On a positive note - looking forward to seeing everyone on the USS Cod on Memorial Day!

REMEMBER. HONOR. SUPPORT.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE ON USS COD



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 @ nickhostottle@yahoo.com **by May 17, 2024**. 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, 2024 will be added to the "Who's Who" book.

We look forward to seeing many of you on May 27th, 2024!



GCBA SUMMER RENDEZVOUS

at HURON BOAT BASIN

JUNE 21-23, 2024

Theme will be "LUAU PARTY AT THE DOCKS"

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY JUNE 21

- 12:00 - 6:00 Registration & Check-in at HBB docking office.
- 7:00 – 9:00+ Event Kick-off Party – burgers, dogs, chips, roasted marshmallows/smores draft 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" Hawaiian attire.

SATURDAY JUNE 22

- 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 McIlwee directly @ 216.214.6111 for cost and reservations.
- 9:00 – 1:00 Registration & Check-in at HBB 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.**
- 2:00 – 3:30 **IOBG COCKTAIL PARTY** – Please bring an appetizer to share during this event. An array of complimentary adult beverages 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, IOBG 50/50 drawing and golf prizes.
- 5:00 - 7:00 **CATERED DINNER** – Hawaiian Chicken, Pulled Pork, Vegetarian Lasagna, Yukon Gold potatoes, Grilled Vegetables, Garden Salad, rolls/butter, fruit, and dessert. Complimentary draft beer and non-alcoholic beverages will also be provided during dinner. Dinner cost is \$35 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 6/15/24 (see note below).**
- 7:00 – 10:00 Enjoy live classic rock by "Leading Edge" at the Boat Basin Amphitheater

SUNDAY JUNE 23

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

Dockage reservations at the HBB can be made by calling Doug Steinwart at 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 216.470.2857 or kmccarthy725@yahoo.com.

If you have any questions on the event itself, please call P/C Tony Ciero @216.210.9015 or R/C Lisa Maze @ 440.321.6419.

GCBA 2024 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS at the HURON BOAT BASIN ORDER FORM

Dinner Served 5:00 – 7:00 Saturday, 6/22/24

(NAMES PLEASE)

#1 _____ #2 _____

#3 _____ #4 _____

CLUB _____

Dinner tickets _____ @ \$35.00 each \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Mailing address _____

Deadline for dinner ticket purchase is June 15th. 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.



2024 Nick Romano GCBA Golf Tournament Scramble

When: 6/22/24

Where: Thunderbird Hills SOUTH

Tee times start at 8:06-9:50

Rules:

4 person scramble—take best shot on all holes and each person hits from that spot.

Handicaps will only be given to women this year

There will be pin shots and long drive

Awards ceremony immediately following at Huron Boat Basin

Pay your green fees at course \$54.00

Thanks to our supporters

P/C Nick and Mary Romano

Thunderbird Hills

Huron Boat Basin

RNDC

REGISTRATION for ILYA Power Week at Put in Bay will open May 6th! Come to the Bay and enjoy 5 days of fun filled activities for all the Boating Clubs affiliated with ILYA! See flyer for info.

We are also looking for someone to chair the Taco Night and the Flying Mile water event. If you or anyone you know wants to help out please let me know!

If you have any questions, give me a call!

I - LYA 131st Adult & Jr. Power Boat Regatta
Put - In - Bay, OH
July 24-28th, 2024

Come join all the fun! Bring the whole family!!
Kids are welcome and encouraged to join in!

All I-LYA Boaters are invited to join for some fun at the bay!

Dock at A&C Dock for only \$2.25 ft.

Social Packages for adults on boats that are docked with I-LYA are \$60 per person, Those without boats are \$75 per person. Social Packages include all dinner meals

Spaghetti, Steak or Chicken, Hot Dog Roast, and a Taco dinner.

It also includes activities listed below for 4 days.

ADULT ACTIVITIES

Power Boat Water Contests

Corn Hole Contest

Co-ed Volleyball & Softball

Putt Putt Golf*

Golf Tournament*

Pub Crawl*

Mt. Gay Rum Party / Tito's Party

Inflatable Boat Races

Beer Trailer

Ladies Tea*

Kayak Races & Tug a War on the water

Award Ceremony

KIDS 5-11 yrs. (Free)

Fishing Contest

Geo Quest

Putt Putt Golf

Movie Night

JR. POWER 12-18yrs. (\$10)

SAFE Boating Seminar &

Navigation Contest

Scholarship Opportunities

Fishing Contest & Geo Quest

Putt Putt Golf & Movie Night

Co-ed Softball, Volley Ball & Corn Hole

Kayak Races & Tug a War on the water

Award Ceremony

*Small fee may apply

Steak, Chicken, and Dinner meals are NOT included for kids or Jr's but may be purchased for a small fee.

Go to the I-LYA Website for On Line Register May 6th- July 7th.
For more information or questions call the Power Boat Registrar,
Dawn Schaumburger at 734-558-6129 or email dschaums22@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,

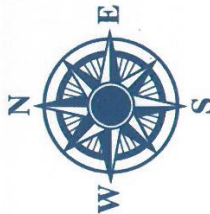
September 21st IOBG E Board Meeting T.B.A. ****

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

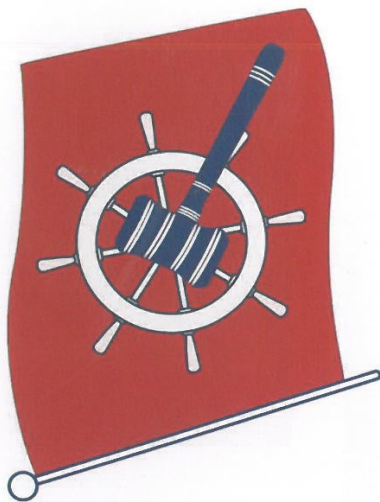


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INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL



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



2024 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.

www.iobgdistrict7.com

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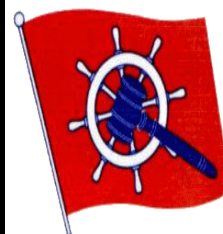
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