

IOBG-DISTRICT 7

A publication of Past
Commodores

IOBG—District 7
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**Boating Season
Is Almost Here!**

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Upcoming Events

IOBG Blue Blazer Social
Mar. 24, North East YC

IOBGA—Lady Caroline Cruise
April 28

I-LYA Spring Meeting
April 5-6

GCBA COD Ceremony
May 27

GCBA Rendezvous in Huron
June 21-23

IOBG Wine Tour
Sept. 13-14

GCBA Commander's Ball
Nov. 8-10

Spring will be here in a few weeks. Buckeye Chuck says get the boats ready, it's going to be an early spring. I want to thank the IOGB D7 Ladies Auxiliary for putting on the Jingle Mingle in December and to Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club for hosting us. We had a delicious dinner with a great group of people. I also want to thank InterCity Yacht Club for hosting the E Board at our last meeting. If anyone is interested in attending the next E Board meeting it will be held on April 17th at Sandusky Yacht Club at 7pm. All members are welcome to join us.

Our next big event is our annual Blue Blazer Social at North East Yacht Club on Sunday, March 24th at 1pm. Doors will open at 12:30 pm. This is the most important event of the year for us. District 7 is the largest district in the world and this is our opportunity to grow even larger. The Blue Blazer event is to encourage and introduce both the current commodores and past commodores to Blue Gavel which is the most prestigious organization in all of yachting. Blue Gavel gives its members the opportunity to join in our activities for the boating community. Your participation makes Blue Gave and District 7 even stronger. With that being said, I am asking all Past Commodores to reach out to all potential candidates that are not members of Blue Gavel to make them aware of the opportunity to become part of one of the greatest fraternities in yachting. Please invite them to come to the Blue Blazer event and see what we are all about.

We are also having a Fundraising raffle of a Yeti Cooler filled with premium bottles of cheer. Please help us keep your dues down by supporting the raffle. This also gives you a chance to win a very nice cooler and help stock your booze locker for the summer. See the attached flier for more information about the Yeti raffle.

The Auxiliary is having a Brunch on Lady Caroline on

Sunday, April 28th. This is always a great event and this year we will get the opportunity to see the new boat. I am looking forward to it. Please see the attached flier for additional information. Let's support our ladies auxiliary.

Hope to see you all soon at one of our upcoming events.

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

PREMIUM BOTTLES:

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



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Ahoy!

Welcome back to the 2024 season of the IOBG along Lake Erie. We are delighted that you can join us. For our 2024 year President Lewis Kuhn, PC Vermilion Yacht Club has put together an awesome list of wonderful events.

Greeting from the Officer's of District 7. The northeast is cold and overcast most days, far from the sunny days of summer at Put-in-Bay regatta. I would like to say, "Hello" to all the yacht clubs in District 7 along the shores of Lake Erie, come out and have fun. Please make time to review and enter the dates for all the events in 2024, see the calendar included in this chatter. I would like to meet all of you at each of the awesome events this year; IOBG District 7, which is the largest in the world, thank you for being a member.

In March is the Blue Blazer event at Northeast Yacht Club to obligate new member including drinks and food and April 28th is the New Lady Caroline Bunch Event, cruise on Lake Erie with the officers. <AMAZING >

I'm also the Hospitality Chairman for Blue Gavel sponsored events, my hand shake is always there to say, "Hello".

The details are out about the **winery** trip in September, not to be missed.

Blue Gavel Commodores please ask a fellow commodore to join IOBG-District 7 and spread the word.

Pay your Dues, because it's a new year.

Remember we are linked to (3) three other awesome associations in the area, GCBA, I-LYA and AYC, which all enjoy the water and boating to the fullest.

Please share your ideas with me to improve the AWESOME FUN.

**First Vice President****Larry Uebbing****luebbingcuebbing@gmail.com****216-644-5547**

Welcome, It's time to start thinking about the upcoming boating season and the many events coming up in Blue Gavel. March 24th is our annual Blue Blazer to welcome new candidates into Blue Gavel. April 5th and 6th is I-LYA's spring meeting in Westlake. April 28th, the ladies auxiliary will again be hosting the ever popular brunch cruise on a new and larger boat which takes you on a cruise and lunch. The cost is only \$55 PP and is well worth the price. Please mention to your club members as it is always great to see and meet new people. On May 27th, Memorial services will be held at the USS Cod starting at 10 AM. Just a few things your Blue Gavel District 7 has planned for the upcoming months. T

There are many clubs who have Blue Gavel Chapters at their local clubs who are doing events that support Blue Gavel. Please let us know what events you're doing so we can attend and make sure they get into our newsletter. Also, it is time to check your Email in boxes as there are a few members who may have forgotten the 2024 dues have been sent out. 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 a good time supporting the boating community.

Treasurer—Kathryn McCarthy
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I am blown away at the tremendous support all of you have given to District 7 with the payment of your 2024 dues. I'm also so pleased with all our NEW members who have joined our boating fraternity. I only have a few of you who may have overlooked sending in your dues. If you have not paid yet, I kindly ask that you continue to support District 7 with the payment of your dues. District 7 remained in first place in the International in 2023 for being the District with the highest membership, best retention, and most new members. We are very well on the patch of achieving that goal for 2024. As always, if you know of a past commodore that has not already joined IOBG, please encourage them to do so. You can refer them to me or any of our District 7 officers. IOBG has a publication outlining "Why You Should Join IOBG". I am including a copy in this publication. Please feel free to share it with any prospective members.

I have been recruited by the International to prepare membership cards this year so I can guarantee you a quick turn around on receiving your membership cards. If anyone has paid their dues and not received their card, please let me know.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our IOBG-D7 newest members for 2024:

Cliff Simonson, Vermilion Boat Club
Jan R. Holmes, Harbor Bay Yacht Club
Russell Marcks, Harbor Bay Yacht Club
Mohamed Maaraba, Catawba West Harbor Yacht Club
Michael Zitzelsberger—Point Yacht Club
Paul Lausch—Scioto Boat Club
Gary Feldman—Lake County Yacht Club (returning)
Robert Dragolic—Lake County Yacht Club
Aaron T. Bolton—Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club
Peter Gruber—Grand River Yacht Club
Alvin Hensel—Edgewater Yacht Club (returning)
John Frank—West Channel Yacht Club
Michael Pollock—West Lake Yacht Club
Richard Billheimer—Harbor Bay Yacht Club

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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.**

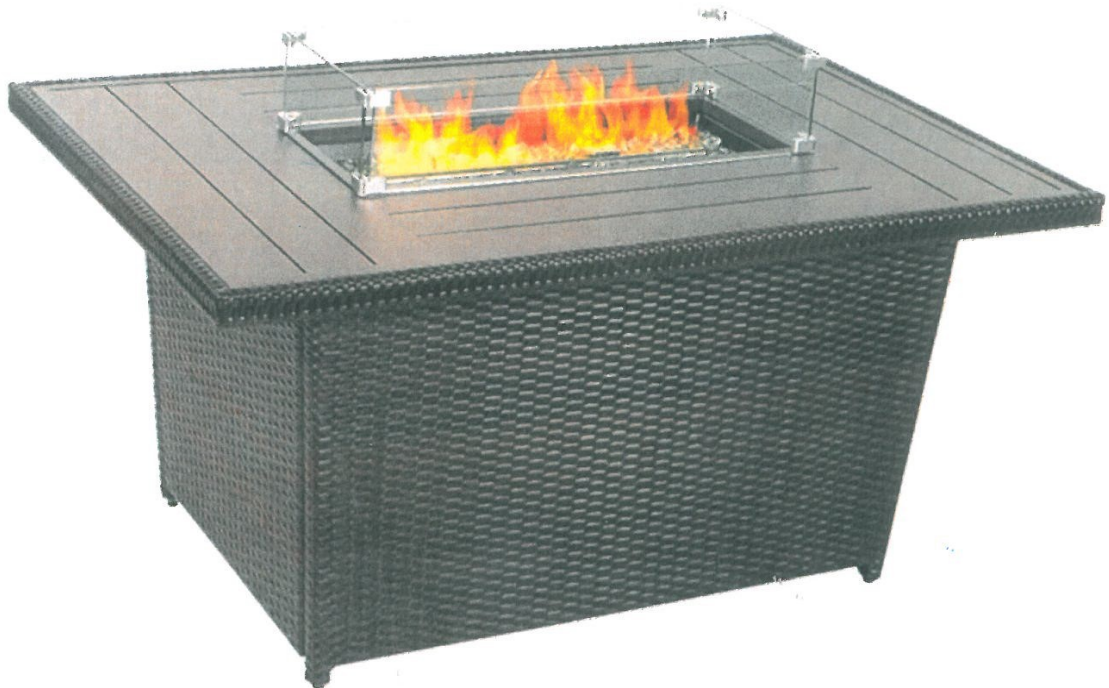


GREATER CLEVELAND BOATING ASSOCIATION

COMMANDER'S BALL
HONORING 2025 COMMANDER
KATHRYN MCCARTHY

FUNDRAISER
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

With our weather warmer and sunnier than most Februarys, many of us are thinking of getting the boats back in the water and looking forward to Club events. Many of the clubs in the Cleveland West area have been taking time to do upgrades and get ready for the new season. I hope that all our Blue Gavel chapters will also be planning events to promote our organization and the values that we uphold. Please contact me about any events you may be planning as I would like to share this information with all our Cleveland West clubs.

The VBC chapter has two events scheduled for 2024, an Octoberfest in September and a clam bake in October. I will forward the exact dates soon as they are set in stone.

I am also looking for help on information on two club. Would anyone know about the Beaver Creek Boat Club and the Laguna Yacht Club? I have looked both up and it seems as if they have closed or dissolved. If anyone has information about these clubs, please contact me.

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

Boating Season 2024 is right around the corner, and I couldn't be more excited! I'm eagerly looking forward to attending the amazing events organized by I.O.B.G., I.O.B.G.A., I-LYA, and AYC, not to mention the yacht clubs in my area. With such a diverse lineup of activities and fun, this promises to be a truly fulfilling boating season.

While it may seem challenging to attend all of these fantastic functions, I encourage you to make the most of it and participate in as many as you can. To stay updated on the events, I recommend visiting the websites of these organizations and yacht clubs for detailed information.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable summer!

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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.

Boating season will soon be here. It's time to make sure your batteries are fully charged and ready to go.

Hopefully you were able to properly winterize your boat, making getting it ready for summer a whole lot easier.

The mild winter makes it tempting to get a head start on de-winterizing but it's best to resist the urge until the overnight temperatures are above freezing.

You can start on your trailer, making sure it is ready and the license plate hasn't expired! Check tire pressure and that the tires are in good condition, road ready. Also, check the tail lights are working properly.

Make sure all safety equipment required is on board and boat license and insurance is up-to-date.

Get rid of any animals that have taken residence on the boat over winter. Be sure to inspect any wiring, any equipment, belts or seat cushions haven't been chewed on.

It's also a good time to inspect the bottom of the boat. Check the paint is good for another season. If not, sanding and prep work can be done now but wait till temperatures are above 50 degrees to apply antifouling paint. Best to apply the paint on a cool dry day.

Check: motor oil level; cooling system; fuel system; lines, connections and belts.

Last, but not least, make sure your PLUG is back in your transom and tightened before dropping your boat in the water.

Happy boating season!

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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



For my first article, I am going to focus on my club, Fairport Harbor Yacht Club. F.H.Y.C. has many things to celebrate this year. First of all, we have our first female Commodore, Lisa Maze. I know it's about time. There's no one better to deserve the honor than Commodore Maze. I will be interviewing Commodore Maze and I will put in an article later this boating season. The second reason is that F.H.Y.C. celebrates its 75th anniversary. F.H.Y.C. will be focusing on our anniversary all year long with anniversary sway and anniversary themed parties. Please come and join us in our celebration. I am putting our program schedule below. Until next time

March 9th St Patricks Day Party

April 20th Pizza and trivia night

May 4th Kentucky Derby Day

May 25th Summer Kickoff Party

May 27th Memorial Day Breakfast

June 15th Party in the Pavilion

July 12th and 13th Regatta Weekend

Aug 3rd Dock Crawl

September 2nd Labor day breakfast

September 21st Clambake

October T.B.D. Murder Mystery at Fairport Harbor Yacht Club

November 9th Friendsgiving dinner and Bingo

December 7th F.H.Y.C. Christmas Party



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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



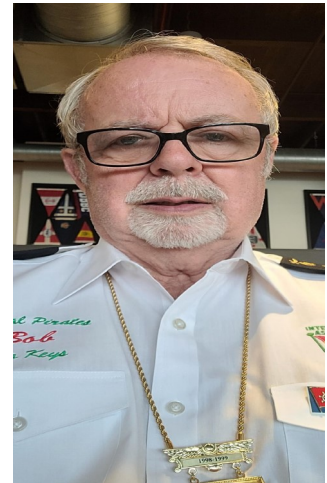
NO COMMENT—OFF ON VACATION

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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



Well on February 2, the Groundhog did not see his shadow. According to folklore, he is predicting that Spring will be early this year. We will see if he is right.

The boating community in Erie are looking forward to having a new ship in their harbor. The Oliver Hazard Perry Shipyard have completed their second phase of required information to acquire from the Navy, an Oliver Hazard Perry Frigate, the FFG 40 USS HALYBURTON. The Halyburton was commissioned on August 7, 1984 and decommissioned on September 6, 2014. It is 453 feet long and is currently berthed at the Naval Inactive Ship Maintenance Facility in Philadelphia. It will become an interactive museum and will be docked in the future Oliver Hazard Perry Shipyard which will be in Presque Isle Bay.

The 2024 District 7 Blue Blazer Social will be held on Sunday, March 24, at the Northeast Yacht Club in Cleveland.

On Sunday April 28, our I.O.B.G.A. will be hosting their Annual Lady Caroline Spring Buffet Cruise on Lake Erie.

This brings up to the Memorial Day U.S.S. Cod Ceremony on Monday, May 27 at the Cleveland Harbor. District 7 joins the G.C.B.A. each year to honor not only the USS Cod, but all veterans past and present.

Commodore Perry Yacht Club Change of Watch was held on Saturday, February 10, 2024. That evening Chris Ward was installed as Commodore for 2024.

Erie Yacht Club Commodore Mike Squeglia has indicated that phase 2 of the Clubhouse is proceeding well with no major surprises. E.Y.C. trivia nights started up again in January with teams of 4-8. Multiple rounds of general knowledge topics with prizes for the winning team. A Valentine Day Dinner was held on St. Valentine's Day, February 14 at the E.Y.C. Clubhouse. Plans are being formed to film a documentary film to celebrate E.Y.C. 130TH year in 2025. Mother Nature has not been kind to the ice boaters and ice fishermen in Erie this Winter. There has been little to no safe ice this year to venture out for Winter activities on Presque Isle Bay.

The Presque Isle Yacht Club held their Change of Watch on Sunday, January 14 at their Clubhouse. Mike Howard lowered his Commodore Burgee and 2024 Commodore Jennifer Skolnik took command of the Bridge. The ever popular First Friday Happy Hour will once begin on Friday, January 5. The P.I.Y.C. Junior Members held their annual bowling party on Saturday, January 6. This year they are completing their final phase of the Clubhouse renovation. It should be completed for the beginning of this year's boating season.

The Syria Shrine Yacht Club held their Change of Watch on Friday, January 5. It was held at the Springfield Grill located in Mars, PA. The Potentate of Syria Shrine, Al Tedischi was on hand and conducted this years installation of the 2024 Bridge Officers. Commodore Bill Woods will be at the held of the Pittsburgh Syria Shrine Yacht Club for 2024.

The Zem Zem Sailors are looking in assisting their 2024 Potentate Jim Miller in the upcoming year. The 2024 Bridge Officers are: Commodore Tim Barnhart, Vice Commodore Gary Hepler, and Fleet Secretary & Treasurer Dave Runser.

THINK SPRING

Mariners Log
By
Bob Stanley M.S.A.

With the arrival of March, the days are getting longer, the song birds are returning to Cleveland, and the daffodils and crocuses are emerging from the ground. It is also time for Shriners to start recruiting our Masonic Brothers, who are not a member of Al Koran Shrine. The Ceremonial crossing of the Hot Sands this year will be a statewide Ceremonial of all six Shrine Temples. It will be held at the Aladdin Shrine Center in the Oasis of Columbus. The date is Saturday, April 13. Let us, as Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, do our part to help guide a large caravan of neophytes across the Hot Sands to the oasis of our ShrineCenter.

At this writing (February 4), Sunshine Chairman P/C John Baker has informed me that several members and their ladies have come down with Winter colds. Hang in there, Spring is supposed to start on March 19.

One Winters Evening, I began reading articles of Masonic History. One item that caught my eye was the story of the worlds tallest man in history. He was Robert Pershing Wadlow. He was born February 22, 1918 and passed away on July 15, 1940. His height was 8ft. 11 in. and weighed 439 lbs. In his short life of 22 years, he was not only a DeMolay but also a Master Mason in the Grand Lodge of Illinois A.F. and A.M.

The March Business meeting of Al Koran Shrine will be held on Monday, March 18. The location will be in the official call of the Potentate in the March's Al Koran Magazine on page 2.

The Mariners March meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 26, at the Edgewater Yacht Club. Chow and grog will commence at 1800 hours and out meeting will be rapped to order at 1900 hours.

For information concerning membership or activities of the Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club, please contact Commodore Ronn Murphy P.P. at 216-702-6785.

To all the Al Koran Shriners and their ladies, the Mariners and our ladies wish you a Happy St. Patrick's 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



Typically boat and yacht clubs fill their winter schedules with a myriad of holiday and other events for their members. These vary between Holiday events, Commodore Balls, Change of Watch ceremonies and a variety of other activities. This winter has been no exception for most of the Ohio Watershed District clubs as we move forward to better weather. For avid boaters, holiday wish lists include numerous nautical items such as new dock lines, fenders, deck chairs and if possible, new electronics. For others, the biggest item wished for is that of an early and warm spring!

My central Ohio yacht club usually plans an Ohio get-away (rendezvous) or the like, typically an outing to Cleveland Nautica Queen luncheon (now the Lady Caroline), or to Indian Lake, Buckeye Lake and occasionally Put-in-Bay. Outings like this tend to expand our weekly agenda or vacation agendas and bring a new variety of "Boating pleasure". Many of the Ohio Watershed District clubs have already filled their spring/summer agendas with impressive cook-outs, rendezvous, poker runs, etc., and other events to look forward to.

As a member of the Blue Gavel, most all clubs have open arms to IOBG members which also further widens our available destinations and event planning. Do yourself a favor by exploring some of these destinations and their amenities.

On a personal note, I was recently honored to be elected to the position of a Bridge Officer of the International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs (IASYC) and look forward to advancement to the position of International Commodore in a few years. I am a longtime and experienced boater (since 1958) and I am very passionate about boating and yacht clubs....especially boater education.

I look forward to seeing you on the water or at your clubs this summer! SAFE BOATING....

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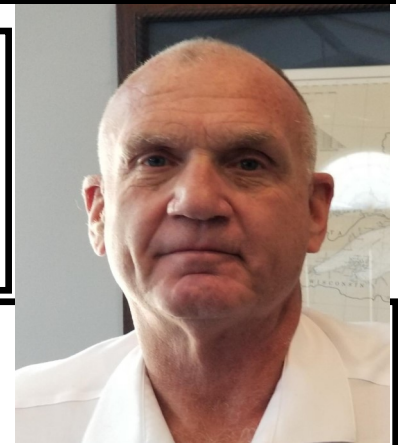
The current Executive Board had our first meeting at VBC in Vermillion, thanks to President **Lewie Kuhn and Rear Commodore Shari Kuhn** for their hospitality for hosting and bringing the breakfast goodies. Also, a big thanks to the staff at VBC for their service during the meeting. Blue Gavel members can go to the IOBG'S website @ www.iobg.org, and go to District 7 link to read the minutes of the meeting. This is also a way to see who your area VP is, look at the schedule for IOBG's events, and to send your clubs upcoming events.

The IOBG's District 7 **Blue Blazer** event will take place on **March 24, 2024, at Northeast Yacht Club**. This event is to welcome Past Commodores who are now eligible to join the Blue Gavel and also for current 2024 Commodores to come and see what the IOBG is all about.

The International Order of the Blue Gavel is a prestigious organization of Past Commodores, with that card in hand you, will be welcomed into any Yacht Club in the world, it's like having a membership to some of the nicest clubs around and a great way to meet new friends. Past Commodores can only be sworn into the Blue Gavel after filling out and sending in the application along with payment to the District's Treasurer. If a Past Commodore is not able to attend this event, you can contact D7 President Lewie Kuhn or your area VP or District Directors to arrange to be sworn into the IOBG.

March is just around the corner!!! Many of us will start to think of the year's events that you may like to attend, such as the **IOBG'S Cocktail Party** at Hurons Boat Basin on June 15 @ 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. it's a short drive and a time to see old friends and welcome new members. The **IOBGA'S Lady Caroline Cruise** on April 28 @ 1:00 p.m. or **The GCBA's U.S.S. Cod's Memorial Service** on May 27 @ 10:00 a.m. Please meet at Burke Airport at 9:00 p.m. to organize and line up . Again, look at the website for flyers!

I would like to wish all members to have an exciting and safe boating season!!!

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Here we go again, time to get your boats and docks ready to go. It's almost spring and great boating weather ahead "soon I hope". Most IOBG members have been enjoying change of watch events and bowling banquets, some of headed south. I had the opportunity to head south and enjoy some warm weather and meet some great IOBG members from Florida what a great experience. I got the opportunity to visit some of the clubs like St Augustine's they are building a new sailing center at their club at a cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars. They are accomplishing this through active participation of their IOBG past commodores at the St. Augustine's yacht club. IOBG district 8 President Barbara Wood Dolan is heading up the project, what a great visionary. Their doing this so they encourage participation in their youth sailing programs to keep them and their families' active in the club and boating community. They are experiencing great success with these programs, having to build relationships within the city to achieve their goals and they are doing it! It's been great to witness how well past commodores can come together to accomplish such an inspirational project. It was interesting to see the leaders have the motivation to encourage youth to get involved and visualize a project that enable's the yacht club members, members of city council, administers and families to create a synergy that increased everyone's involvement that is leading to the success of a great project, that will help in the future development of not only young sailors but also strengthening the future of our communities where we live, work, and enjoy. A special thanks to these inspirational leaders of our boating community. It's time to get on board and support programs like these!

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If anyone IOBG member would like a burgee to fly on their boat, please send me \$25.00 (plus \$2.00 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

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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GREAT NEWS! Our IOBGA Annual Brunch Cruise that previously took place aboard the retired Nautica Queen has been rescheduled with the new ship – **the Lady Caroline!**

The IOBGA brunch cruise will be on Sunday, April 28th with boarding starting at noon. The cruise will be from 1:00pm – 3:30pm with a buffet brunch. Cost is \$55 per person which includes the cruise admission and the brunch. There will be a cash bar. (see flyer attached for more info and brunch menu).

We have secured the entire ship for our IOBGA event so please invite fellow yacht club members and friends to join us. This new ship has 3 levels of seating and a 4th floor observation deck.

During the cruise we will be selling tickets for basket raffles. The proceeds from our basket sales help us fund our “Books by Boaters” campaign as well as allows us the financial means to contribute to other organizations such as the International Order of Blue Gavel, Inter-Lake Yachting Assoc., and the Greater Cleveland Boating Assoc.

If you or your club would like to donate a gift basket to contribute to our causes, please contact me at 440.669.5645 or ginabling@oh.rr.com.

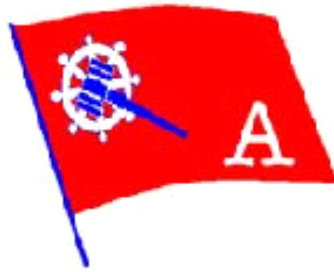
Come join us for our first lake cruise of the new boating season!

President IOBGA Auxiliary – Gina Aune—continued
440-669-5645 ginabling@oh.rr.com



THE SHIP

Lady Caroline is a four-deck, 120-foot-long ship featuring more than 15,000 square feet for passengers to enjoy. Three of her decks are fully enclosed and climate controlled. The sky deck features a covered bar and open views for sweeping panoramic sightseeing.



Please join IOBGA District 7 for a Brunch Cruise on The Lady Caroline.

Sunday April 28, 2024 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Boarding time is 12:00 p.m.

Adults \$55.00 per person

:

- Plated Salad
- Assorted Sweet Rolls
- Danishes and Croissants with Butter & Jam
- Chef's Choice of Carving - Beef, Ham or Turkey
- Breast of Chicken du jour
- Pasta du jour
- Fluffy Scrambled Eggs
- Grilled Bacon & Sausage
- Home-Fried Potatoes
- French Toast or Waffles with Syrup
- Blintzes with Fruit Toppings
- Selection of Juices, Coffee, Hot or Iced Tea\
- Cash Bar

For reservations contact Marianne Dempster at marianne.dempster@yahoo.com or
440-289-1216 Please reserve early.

Reservations and payment due by *April 13, 2024*

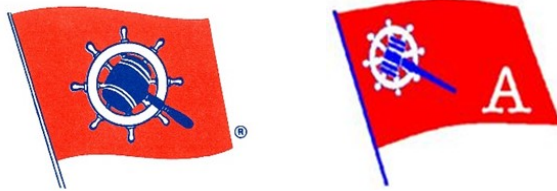
Please make checks payable to IOBGA District 7

Payment may be sent to: Marianne Dempster

12045 Concord Hambden Rd., Concord Twp., Ohio 44077

You will receive your tickets the day of the cruise at the Boat

**For the 2024 Lady Caroline Brunch Cruise invite your friends
and family for a great afternoon!**



District 7 International Order of the Blue Gavel and
Auxiliary cordially invite you and your significant other
to attend our

2024 Welcome Aboard Social

The Blue Blazer Social is intended to introduce both current Commodores
and immediate Past Commodores to the Blue Gavel.

New members will be sworn in at this event.



Please join us Sunday, March 24 2024 at

Northeast Yacht Club

14321 Lakeshore Blvd. Cleveland, OH 44110

Dress Code is Blues & Greys for Officers.

Appetizers & Cocktails will be provided.

Doors open at 12:30pm.

Social will be from 1:00pm to 3:30pm.

RSVP by March 18h to: District 7 President

Lewie Kuhn

kuhnfabinc@aol.com / 440.823-0103



**Inter-Lake Yachting Association
2024 SPRING MEETING**



**April 5-6th, 2024
DoubleTree by Hilton
1100 Crocker Rd., Westlake, Ohio 44145
440-871-6000 or 800-774-1500**

Please make your room reservation by March 6th, 2024

The I-LYA room rate should be requested when making reservations.
(\$109 Standard room per night plus taxes and includes two breakfast buffets)
Please call the Hotel and ask for in house reservations to get the I-LYA rate using group code: **908**
Or you can book online directly at: <https://bit.ly/ILYA2024>

*Join us Friday evening in our Hospitality Rooms to socialize and network
and Saturday for the Organizational Meetings to help us plan 2024*

****Ladies Luncheon ****

Saturday April 6, 2024 @ 12:00 noon

Name(s): _____ Club _____ # Attending _____

Cost: (\$25pp) - Turkey Club or Chicken Caesar wrap with potato soup, Rolls & Butter, Coffee Tea, Mimosas.

****Spring Dinner & Awards****

Saturday April 6, 2024

Cocktails (Cash Bar) 6:00 pm — Dinner 7:00 pm — Cost: (\$65 pp)

**Mixed green salad, Plated duo Entrée Featuring a 6oz Sirloin steak and Paillard Chicken, Mashed Potatoes,
Vegetable, and Assorted Breads,**

Dessert & Beverages

Dinner Attire: Blues and Greys

Name(s): _____

Club: _____ # Attending _____

****reservations required****

RESERVE and PAY ONLINE@ <http://www.i-lya.org/reserve>

****Deadline for Dinner and Luncheon Reservations** is March 22, 2024. Please Make Checks Out To: I-LYA 2024**

Send to Lady Sharon Kneisel 2264 104th St., Toledo, Ohio 43611

Phone 419-367-6503 (For Questions)

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!



SAVE the DATE



Annual GCBA Summer Rendezvous June 21 – 23, 2024

**Huron Boat Basin
Huron, Ohio**

Join us for the GCBA Annual Summer Rendezvous at the
Huron Boat Basin Marina, in beautiful Huron Ohio!

A weekend of activities to include golf outing, basket raffles,
IOBG cocktail party, 50/50 raffle, contests, great food and
much more!

Dockage Reservations: (419) 433-4848

More Information to Come!

Sign Up for Email Updates!



Follow Us on Facebook
GCBA Summer Rendezvous



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,

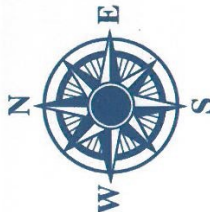
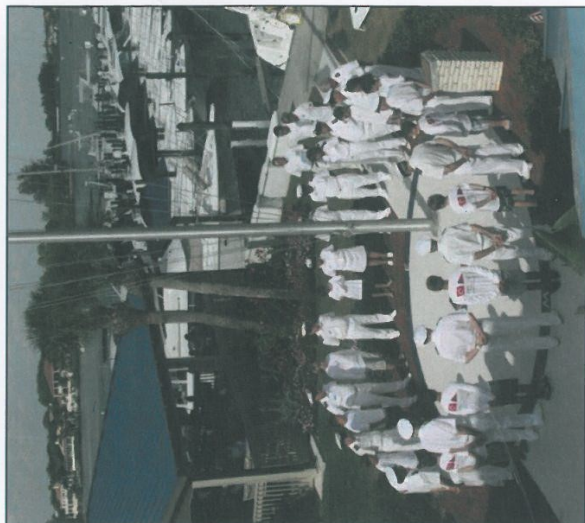
September 21st IOBG E Board Meeting T.B.A. ****

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

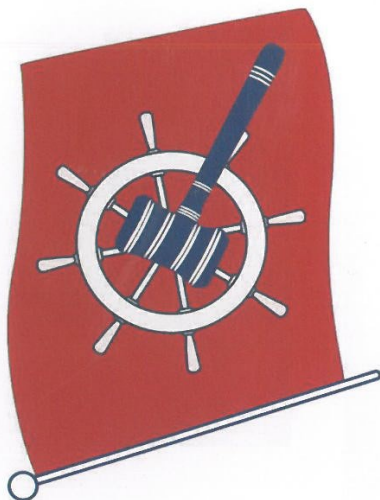


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INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL



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: _____

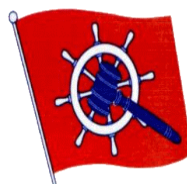
State: _____

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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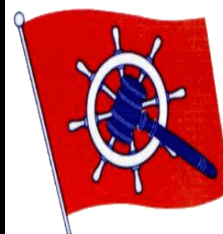
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