

IOBG District 7 Northcoast Chatter—May 2014

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President Gene McKeown

Although brutal, this past winter offered all of us the unusual scene of the Western Basin, frozen solid. My next door neighbor walked off the north east corner of Kelly's Island, about a mile and half, and fished through 15" of ice. Another friend flew to PIB and walked around the island, but out on the frozen lake ice. So, if you went to Florida, you missed this

rare occasion of a complete ice cover on the lake. Too Bad!

Our D7 winter program has been well attended. Please read all the details in our board members' articles. I personally want to thank Commodore Ed Schuler of Erie Yacht Club and Commodore Bill Taggart of Sandusky Yacht Club for making us all feel welcome at their clubs' Sunday Brunches. Both Commodores made excellent presentations of their clubs history from founding time to the present. While at

Sandusky we saw some very fast ice boats out on the Bay near Cedar Point.

As of today we have 22 new members and are nearing our total 2013 membership. We hope to complete the year with our largest membership ever. If you have not renewed, a form is attached, so please take the time to complete it and stay involved in District 7. President Elect Warren Dempster is already working on the District 7 2015 calendar. He is planning a full schedule with late fall, winter, and spring events.

Board members will be at the Huron Rendezvous on June 21st tending bar at the District 7 GCBA Reception. We will also join forces with District 9 and 25 on August 9th for a reception at I-LYA Bay Week. We hope to see many of you at these functions.

As you know we have been running a "Cooler of Sprits" fund raiser for President Elect Joel Kay(EYC) and Lady Nancy (the winning ticket will be drawn at the GCBA Rendezvous). Joel will be sworn in as President of the IOBG at the Annual Meeting held in Beachwood at the Double Tree October 16th to the 19th. I encourage you to try and attend this meeting. The IOBG Board will be present and you'll have an opportunity to meet them.

In closing, check out the Vineyard Tour Flyer. We have a block of rooms reserved for the weekend at the Lodge of Geneva. Come for the whole weekend or for just a day. We already have two members coming by boat. This part of Ohio Wine County is spectacular. On Saturday we'll visit four vineyards and be riding on the Lodge buses. I hope you'll be able to attend this last 2014 District 7 event.

President Elect Warren Dempster

Hello, I hope everyone had a Happy Easter. As the warm weather finally approaches, District 7 is preparing for another busy summer. By the time you read this chatter, the Nautica cruise will be history. A big thank you to the Auxiliary for another successful event. This event seems to be a great way to kick off our boating season. We had a great turnout for the Sandusky Y.C. brunch and we would like to thank Commodore Bill Taggart and the staff at S.Y.C. for their hospitality.



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President Elect Warren Dempster(continued)

A big thank you goes out to President Gene Mckeown and Connie for the fantastic St. Patrick's Day event. They put together a great hospitality room for both the pre-parade and post parade party. There was plenty of food and beverages for all. Thanks goes out to Districts 9 & 25 for attending this event and marching

with us in the parade. Also, thanks to our District Director Pat McIlwee for handling the parade details again this year. We plan on having this event at the Hyatt Regency Arcade again next year.

We had another successful Blue Blazer in March at Bratenhal Place. We would like to welcome the many new members to the IOBG that were sworn in that night. Thanks to both Neil and Sue VanUum for again allowing us the use of the penthouse for this event.

Our next event will be the Memorial Day Ceremony aboard the USS Cod in Cleveland Harbor sponsored by the Greater Cleveland Boating Assoc. All members and their families are invited to attend. Next will be our cocktail party at the Greater Cleveland Boating Assoc.'s annual Rendezvous at the Huron Boat Basin. At that event we will also be drawing the winner of the booze raffle fundraiser for IOBG President Elect Joel Kay. Details are now available for our 2nd annual wine tour to be held in September. See attached flyer for all info.

Finally, I would like to thank our entire e-board for all their hard work as we finish up our annual membership drive. Also, thank you to our members who have renewed their membership for the 2014 season. If at any time you have a concern or an idea for our district, please contact one of our board members. We are always looking for ideas to improve and expand our district. We look forward to working along with our Auxiliary and would like to thank all Auxiliary members and their bridge for all of their hard work. Please have a safe and enjoyable boating season.

First Vice President Rich McKee

Another boating season is upon us, and we are all anxious to get our boats ready and in the water. I would like to wish everyone a safe and fulfilling boating season and I hope to see all of you at the events that have been scheduled for the 2014 season, both at Blue Gavel and other club events.



I would like to send a big Thank You to all of the Vice Presidents that have done a wonderful job selling tickets for the fundraiser to support Joel Kay and his International Ball. Our Vice Presidents have done a great job in supporting their areas and we appreciate your hard work. I would like to personally welcome back Nick Romano from his recent surgery.

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District Director Pat Mcllwee

We have been very active in District 7 since our last publication. Our membership is very steady and growing. We have had one of the more brutal winters in recent memory and I know that everyone is excited to launch their vessels and enjoy some much needed good weather.

In March we had some very exciting events. District 7 marched in the Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. We had some very special guests join us from District 9 and District 25. Before and after the parade we had a hospitality room in the Hyatt Arcade and had some fine Irish hospitality. A big thank you to President Gene McKeown and Lady Connie for all of their hard work to make this function successful. We will be doing the same next year so if you are not vacationing somewhere warm, please plan on attending. We had our Sunday Brunch Tours which were very well attended and took us to Erie Yacht Club and Sandusky Yacht Club. The food, hospitality and camaraderie at these chapter clubs were exceptional!

We also had our Blue Blazer which is our only recruiting event of the year at Bratenahl Place. We swore in 6 new members to the IOBG and the evening was a success. We continue to gain momentum and have Past Commodores clamoring to join our fraternity. District 7 Auxiliary has been a terrific asset to our group. President Marianne Dempster has been working diligently and has scheduled a Nautica Queen Sunday Brunch to be held in late April. The Nautica Queen brunch is very well attended and is a very nice social gathering as we cruise Lake Erie and enjoy a terrific meal.

In May District 7 participates at the Memorial Day Service in conjunction with the Greater Cleveland Boating Association. We are looking forward to this solemn event again this year. In June at the Greater Cleveland Boating Association Rendezvous we hold a cocktail party that is the highlight of the weekend at The Huron Boat Basin! We are also looking forward to co-hosting a cocktail party at I-LYA Bayweek Regatta at Put-In Bay Yacht club along with District 9 and District 25 in August. We wish former

VP Steve Harris best wishes in his role as Commodore of ILYA.

District 7 is very proud to have our very own Joel Kay making the move to President of International. We are looking forward to the Change of Watch in October and look forward to meeting some new friends in IOBG. It will be nice to meet many of you whom with I have spoken but not had the opportunity to meet. The meeting in Cleveland should be very exciting and the fall weather is absolutely beautiful in Northeast Ohio.

Northwest VP Debbie Light

Wow, April is almost over, the weather is starting to get warmer. Boating season has begun; it can't get any better than that! I hope everyone is having any easy time launching your boats for the season.

I had the pleasure of attending the ILYA spring meeting and Commodore's ball honoring Commodore Steve Harris. The meetings were full of great information and planning for the year 2014. The Commodore's ball was filled with great food, friends and fun.

The clubs within my region, please remember to send me your 2014 "Schedule of Events" so we can get them posted on the district's website. This will enable everyone the opportunity to attend your functions. I also encourage you to attend our District 7 events and meetings which you can find on our website. As always, please keep up the Chatter, there are many opportunities to get to know other IOBG members and create new memories. As a closing reminder to

pay your dues to keep District 7 on target for the 2014 year.

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Fairport Harbor Yacht Club Grand River Yacht Club Mentor Harbor Yachting Club Mentor Lagoons Yacht Club River's Edge Yacht Club The Captains Yacht Club Western Reserve Yacht Club

Northeast VP Cliff Gabriel

The shrink-wrap is coming off and we are all looking forward to an exciting 2014 boating season!

This will be our fourth year of involvement on the District 7 bridge and we look forward again to working with the Past Commodore's of Yacht Clubs in the Mentor Lagoons and Grand River. Our interest is to support you in establishing strong Blue Gavel Chapters within your organizations.

District 7 has more members than any other District in the International. Surpassing 2013's total. And the reason is we have more neat activities than any other District. I highly recommend, if you enjoy meeting new friends and having a good time, you need to join us at our next function. On May 26th we will be going to G.C.B.A. Memorial Service at the U.S.S. Cod near E.

9th Street. G.C.B.A. will be having their Annual Rendezvous at Huron Boat Basin in Huron. When you finalize your Clubs Schedule of Events for 2014, we ask that you supply us with a copy, so we can list them on District 7's website. This will enable everyone the opportunity to take part in your functions. Again, we encourage you to attend our events and meetings which you can find on our website. In the mean time, I will do my best to keep you informed of upcoming events.

If I can be of help in any way, please give me a call.

Pennsylvania VP Charles Miller





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

Finally an ice free bay!! Whoop Whoop!

Last month's brunch at the Erie Yacht Club was very successful. over 20 attendees, the bridge of the host club was there. A new member, PC Jerry Urbaniak, was officially installed. A good time was had by all. Working to increase participation on this, the far east tundra of our district. The upcoming wine tour is near enough so that these travel averse folk might join.

With the ice newly, and unlamented, departed the serious business of launching is beginning, albeit late, but beginning. Yesterday there were a total of 8 boats in slips along the bay front. Usually there are about 50 by this time. At PIYC there would normally be at least 10. Not this year, most, mine included, are still wearing their winter coats. Hopefully the weather improves so we can get out there and get some miles under the keel.

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President IOBGA Auxiliary – Marianne Dempster

I hope everyone has survived the winter, I sure know that I am looking forward to the warmer weather! During the winter, the Auxiliary supported the IOBG during their Blue Blazer membership drive and I am happy to report that we had several new members join the Auxiliary. We currently have 132 members.

On April 27 the IOBGA hosted an outing on the Nautica Queen. 78 people were able to attend and everyone enjoyed good food and friends. We had a basket raffle which was won by Nancy Latina. Thanks to all who donated to the basket.

On May 26th, the Auxiliary will be marching along with the IOBG at the USS Cod. All members are welcome to attend. If you would like to join in the march, please

wear a white shirt, pants or skirt and your blue blazer. On June 21 we will be supporting the IOBG at their annual cocktail hour at the GCBA Rendezvous in Huron. If planning on attending we ask that you bring an appetizer or salad.

The IOBGA Bridge and I would like to wish everyone a wonderful, warm and safe summer with the hopes that we will meet up at one of the clubs or at a social outing.

Summer Special: we have several Auxiliary polo shirts available if anyone is interest, they are \$10.00 each. Please notify my husband Warren if you would be interested at wcyc40@yahoo.com . Also, we will be putting in an order if you want to order any other Auxiliary shirt or product, you may go to the website www.piersidepromo.com to look at the available products, you can then e-mail Warren at the above e-mail and he will give you the pricing and e-mail you back to decide if you want the product. The deadline for placing the order will by May 16.

I wish everyone a healthy, safe and happy summer!







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Ohio River VP—Pat Waitkus



THE BOAT



Courtesy of www.americanboating.org "You've been on our boat all weekend, eating, drinking and hanging out. Then it suddenly occurred to us...we have no idea who you are."



Cleveland East VP Pat White



V.P. Pat White, CLYC

Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club Chagrin River Yacht Club East Light Yacht Club Forest City Yacht Club Island West Yacht Club Lake County Yacht Club Northeast Yacht Club West Channel Yacht Club Wildwood Yacht Club Lets Get The Bating Season Going, We Need Sunny Skies And Calm Water, We Have A lot Of Events On The Calender For This Year, Hope To See Everyone, The May 29th IOBG E. Board Meeting Will Be Held At Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club, My Home Port, Lets Have A Safe Boating Season





Treasurer Dave Zmek



Central OHVP Open



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

Secretary Dominique Sorbo



Help Wanted We are looking for a member in the Central Ohio area to become a Vice President for District 7. The pay is great, the food is good and the benefits are priceless!!!!

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	2014 IOBG Dues Notice
	Dues are due and payable 01/01/2014
	IOBG Dues \$58.00
	IOBGA Dues \$10.00
	Total \$ 68.00
	Optional Humanitarian Fund Donation available
	Mail to
	IOBG District 7 Treasurer
	P/C Dave Zmek
	18705 Mt Pleasant Drive
	Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023
	Please list all of the following for Roster Information:
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Email address:	
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IOBG D7 Calendar

Event	<u>2013 Date</u>	<u>2014 Date</u>
E-board (Huron)	Oct. 30 (Chatter due Nov 8)	
GCBA	Nov. 8-10	
I-LYA Fall Meeting	Dec. 6-7	
Christmas Party	Dec. 8	
E-Board (Northeast Y C)		Jan. 4
D7 Sunday Brunch Tour Erie		Feb. 9
AYC Commodore's Ball		Feb. 14-16
D7 Sunday Brunch Tour Sandusky Yacht Club		March 9
E-Board (TBA)		March 8
St Patrick's Parade		March 17
Blue Blazer		March 20
I-LYA Spring Meeting		April 4-5
Nautica Queen Brunch		April 27
Memorial Day @Cod		May 26
E-Board (TBA)		June 5
GCBA Rendezvous Huron		June 20-22
I-LYA Regatta PIB		Aug. 9
E-Board (TBA)		Sept. 4
Vineyard Tour		Sept. 20
Change of Watch D7		Oct. 11
International Annual Meeting		Oct.16-19

2014 IOBG St. Patrick's Day Parade Downtown Cleveland Hyatt Arcade



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2014 Blue Blazer Social Bratenahl



2014 IOBG Blue Blazer Bratenahl





District 7 International Order of the Blue Gavel 2014 Annual Convention & Ball Fundraiser Benefitting President Joel Kay & Lady Nancy



Anyone Can Enter or Donate

\$5.00 per Ticket – Cooler Full of Premium Spirits A \$700.00 + Value \$100.00 Prize to seller of Winning Ticket!!! See any District 7 Board member for tickets or call: Gene Mckeown 440-452-3815 or Warren Dempster 440-725-7731

The Winning Ticket will be drawn publicly during the IOBG Cocktail Party at the GCBA Rendezvous June 21st, 2014

2nd Annual IOBG District 7 Wine Tour



September 19-21, 2014 The Lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake

Come by car or come by boat Stay for the day or stay for the weekend Food, fun and wine, it's better shared with friends of mine

Friday, September 19 Self-guided tours
District 7 Hospitality suite open after 7 pm, (if you like, bring a bottle of your favorite wine) Beverages and beer available
Saturday, September 20 Arrive at Lodge no later than 11am, tour bus departs at 11:30am (see attached wine tour flyer)
Dinner at the Lodge at 5:30pm (or on your own)
District 7 Hospitality suite will open at 7 pm (if you like, bring a bottle of your favorite wine) Beverages and beer available
Sunday September 21 Breakfast Buffet at the Lodge \$12.95, check out at 11 am
Lodge room rates: Friday—Standard Double \$129.00, Premium King--\$169.00 Saturday—Standard Double \$159.00, Premium King \$199.00

(plus 14% bed tax respectively)

A block of 10 rooms has been reserved for IOBG District 7. Mention group ID 4G74IG

When making reservations, request the 11:30 am shuttle

Reservation due date August 5, 2014

The Lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake reservations 440-466-7100 Geneva State Park Marina Dockage 440-466-7565 e-mail: <u>genevamarina@ncweb.com</u>

See flyer for shuttle reservations

**In addition to hotel and shuttle reservations, please confirm that you will be attending this event by e-mailing Gene McKeown at <u>genemcke-own@oh.rr.com</u> or 440-452-3815



News and Notes

Order IOBG Gear

I will be taking orders for IOBG and IOBGA clothing from the IOBG website. It will be from Pierside Promos on the IOBG website. Just let me know the item number, color, size and I will email back a price before I order it. All orders must be in to me by May 16th. Thank you. Assistant to the Supply Officer, Warren <u>Dempster-</u>wcyc40@yahoo.com

Put-In Bay Public Docks update



Public Hearing on Put-in-Bay Dock Project Informative

POSTED ON 24 APRIL 2014 UPDATED ON 25 APRIL 2014

"A" Dock cribs will require 180 piles driven for final placement in a water-to-shore sequence.Mayor Scarpelli and Mr. Nusser presented clarifying information in response to citizen comments.

Twenty citizens attended the Put-in-Bay Village Council public hearing on the "A" & "C" dock refurbishment project on Thursday afternoon, 24 April 2014. Mayor Ruth Scarpelli opened the meeting and introduced Mr. Mark Nowakowski from HPH Mechanical. Joining the Mayor was Mr. Douglas Nusser, the project director from Poggemeyer Design Group. Mr. Nowakowski provided details about construction particulars, including sequences and timelines.

While under considerable pressure voiced by island resident Bernard McCann and councilwoman Melinda Myers about contract deadline concerns and completion extensions, Mr. Nowakowski responded directly and politely. He pointed out the below-zero winter conditions and dock-crib transportation permits contributed to the greater than three-week delay, as did the winter ice-fishing community's public opposition to breaking the ice to deliver the cribs.

Construction will continue Mondays through Saturdays at the behest of Village Council. May 2 is the target date for the pouring of "C" dock concrete. Eleven of thirteen cribs for "A" dock are on the island, and two more are expected from Columbus, Ohio, where they are dipped for surface protection. "C" dock had 120 piles driven; "A" requires 180 to secure the cribs, and each pile consumes roughly one hour of construction time with four men on the job. "C" dock is expected to be completed in time for Memorial Day, while "A" dock most likely will be complete by July 4th weekend. Mr. Nowakowski explained the contract was "let" in October 2013; shop drawings were prepared, approved, and sent to manufacturing in mid-November 2013; and the first product was ready for shipment in January 2014.

After two attempts by Mr. Marvin Booker to ascertain what plans were in place to address the traffic congestion arising from Bayview Avenue being closed, Mayor Scarpelli reluctantly admitted no plans were in place; however, she shared the Council is engaged in an ongoing conversation with the Put-in-Bay Police Department. The hearing concluded at 4:30 pm, after one and a quarter hours.



2015 COMMANDER'S BALL FUNDRAISER

HOSTED BY N.E.Y.C

AUGUST 16TH, 2014

3:00 TO ??? FOOD & BEER TICKET \$10.00

BURGERS & BEER

SIDEBOARD RAFFLES, BALL DROP AND MUCH MORE FUN!!

COME BY BOAT OR BY CAR CALL NORTHEAST YACHT CLUBS FLEET CAPTAIN (MIKE McCULLOUGH) FOR DOCKAGE @ 440-974-8931





September 26, 2014





5740 Center Road Valley City, Ohio 44230

Proceeds To Help our Ongoing Political Action & Humanitarian Causes

Start: 9:00 am Shotgun start 4 man scramble, Individuals are welcome and will be placed on a team \$300.00 per foursome, \$75.00 per individual: includes dinner, bag lunch and beer with dinner.

Dead line for registration is September 1, 2014 For more information, or to find out how you can help or sponsor a hole contact Pat McIlwee 216-214-6111

Team Information 1 Team per signup sheet

Club or organization:	Golfer:	Sponsor a hole \$100.00 \$	
Contact Person:	1	Team \$300.00	
Name:		Individual golfer	
Address	2	Individual Dinner \$25.00	
	3	Golf Shirt \$30.00 Size:	
Phone #	- 4	Total remitted \$	

Send registration & checks to: John Popovich 6559 Arborda

6559 Arbordale Ave. Solon, Ohio 44139 * 440-248-8763

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