



IOBG District 7 Northcoast Chatter—May 2015

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President Warren Dempster

Summer has finally arrived and the boats are in. The members and board of District 7 kept very busy this past long winter. We had a very successful Blue Blazer in March and for the third year, we marched in the Cleveland St. Patrick's Day parade along with members from district 9. Now we are preparing for another busy summer. We kicked off the season with a very enjoyable brunch cruise about the Nautica Queen sponsored by the IOBGA. I would like to thank President Mary Romano and her bridge for all their hard work both at that event and throughout the year. Next we have the Memorial Day ceremony aboard the USS Cod sponsored by the Greater Cleveland Boating Association. Our own International President Joel Kay will be one of the honored speakers that day. I would like to thank our own Northeast Vice President and 2015 GCBA Commander Lloyd Bogue for allowing District 7 to participate in this ceremony. We then follow that with the IOBG cocktail party on June 20th at the Huron Boat Basin during the GCBA Rendezvous. As always, the GCBA puts on a great rendezvous that weekend and if you have not attended one, please consider stopping by for the cocktail party. In August, we will be attending the I-LYA Power Regatta at Put in Bay. Along with IOBG districts 9 & 25, we will be attending the IOBG cocktail party on August 8th at PIBYC during the regatta. The I-LYA regattas are really great events for all ages. Please consider attending one and supporting the I-LYA this summer. Other upcoming events include our wine tour in September in Geneva and our Change of Watch in October.



The District 7 executive board has been very busy lately with our membership renewals. I would like to thank the entire board for all their hard work in this effort. We currently have 21 new members this year and I would like to welcome them all to our district. We are finishing up our dues renewals soon, so if you have not renewed, please send in your dues to our Treasurer, Gene McKeown. A dues renewal form is enclosed in this chatter issue. If you have already paid your dues, you should have received a plastic IOBG membership card from the International. If you did not receive one, please let Gene know and it will be corrected. A big thank you goes out to our Advisor to the District Director, Pat McIlwee for all his hard work in cleaning up our e-mail list. This has been extremely valuable in getting all of our information out to our membership.

All of us on the executive board value your IOBG membership. If at any time you have a question or concern, or even an idea for an event for our district, please do not hesitate to contact any of us on the board. As you may have noticed, District 7 is well represented on the International board. We currently have President Joel Kay from Edgewater Y.C., Second Vice President Tony Durieux from Catawba West Harbor Y.C. and North Central Vice President Mark Vadaj from Olde River Y.C. serving on that board. I would like to both thank and congratulate all of them for achieving these positions. This requires quite a bit of commitment on their part to progress through the International ranks.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable boating season, and I hope to see many members at our events this year. Thank you.

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Special points of interest:

- May 25, USS Cod Memorial Ceremony
- June 20—GCBA Cocktail Party Huron
- July 29—August 2 Senior Sail ILYA Regatta
- August 5—9 ILYA Powerboat Regatta
- August 8—IOBG Commodores Cocktail Party Put-in Bay Yacht Club

President Elect Rich McKee

I can't believe it, but it is finally Boating Season! It seems like we have had a very long wait this winter. I am happy that my boat is finally in the water - ready at our dock to go out on the lake.

President Dempster and the IOBG Bridge have put together a great calendar of events this year. If you have any questions or would like further information, please feel free to contact any of the IOBG Bridge Officers or your area Vice President. We would be happy to answer any and all of your questions. Please check our website at iobgdistrict7.com for a copy of the calendar or to find out a little more information about Blue Gavel.

I hope that you are able attend at least one of the events planned, there is definitely a variety of events to choose from. Please plan on joining us at the upcoming GCBA Rendezvous IOBG District 7 Cocktail Party in June or if you are over at the I-LYA Regatta in August, we have our annual IOBG Cocktail Party scheduled during Powerboat Regatta week.

I would like to send a special "Thank You" to all of the area Vice Presidents and all of their hard work this year, it is definitely appreciated.

I wanted to express my appreciation to the IOBG Auxiliary for asking me to help serve at the recent Fashion Show held at Beaver Park Yacht Club on 05/17/15. It was a lot of fun to help serve with the other IOBG Officers, allowing our ladies to enjoy an afternoon of good food and fashion. I also learned a lot about accessories that day!

I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable boating season. I hope to see all of you out on the "Lake".



First Vice President Cliff Gabriel

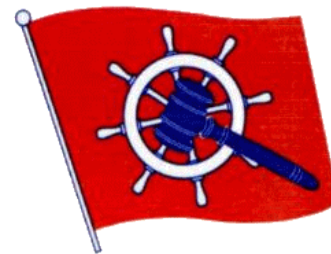
As we drop our boats back in the water, we look forward to enjoying a season full of good times!



As 1st Vice President, the District 7 Vice Presidents need to know that my main objective is in helping them develop strong Blue Gavel Chapters at their assigned Yacht Clubs.

This will be my fifth year of involvement on the District 7 Bridge of I.O.B.G and I look forward to a fun filled adventure of activities. I encourage you to plan on attending one or more of our great events which are listed in this Chatter. I guarantee you will have a good time.

District Director Gene McKeown



Treasurer's Report

The District still has a few months left in our 2015 membership drive. If you have not renewed your membership, please take a few minutes and do it now. If you're not sure, look at your membership card. The IOBG membership card is plastic and in the lower right corner it will say "VALID THROUGH 12/31/2015". If not, a renewal form is attached to this Chatter. Please complete it and return to me. If you have any questions, call me.

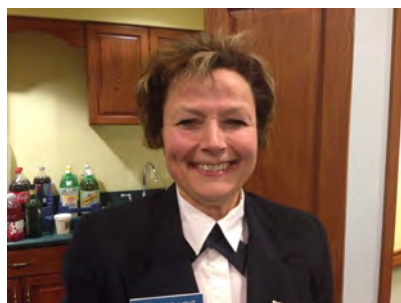
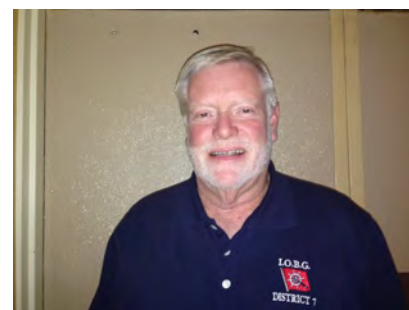
Thanks, PC Gene McKeown C440 452 3815

District Director's Report

Reports are that Walleye fishing is very good again this year. A Federal Judge has ordered the Corp of Engineers to complete the dredging of the last 6 miles of the Cuyahoga and that the dredgings must be put in a contained disposal site, not out in the Lake. This is great news for fishermen and the Walleye.

The State of Ohio has increased its funding to fight the algae bloom problem. It has also ask Michigan and Indiana to join in the fight. However, it will take years to correct the problem.

PC John Popovich, South Shore Cruising Club, reported these items, following The First Ohio Boating Summit, held May 4th in Columbus.



Northwest VP Debbie Light

Boating season is finally underway. I hope everyone had an uneventful launch. A reminder, the clubs within my region, please remember to send me your 2015 "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.

I had the pleasure of attending the IOBGA fashion show at Beaver Park Yacht club in Lorain this past Sunday. The fashion show featured the ladies of IOBGA wearing the designs from CHICO's at Crocker Park. The ladies looked lovely in their clothing apparel. What a lovely day for the event and a great view of the lake.

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.

Northwest

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All Ports Yacht Club

Catawba West Harbor Yacht Club

Dock of the Bay Yacht Club

Commodores Cruising Club

Middle Bass Island Yacht Club

Point Yacht Club

Sandusky Yacht Club

South Shore Cruising Club

Harbor Bay Yacht Club



V.P. Lloyd Bogue AYC

Grand River Yacht Club
Mentor Harbor Yachting Club
Mentor Lagoons Yacht Club
The Captains Yacht Club
Rivers Edge Yacht Club
Western Reserve Yacht Club
Ashtabula Yacht Club
Fairport Harbor Yacht Club
Zem Zem Sailors Club

Northeast VP Lloyd Bogue

Spring has sprung, with the hottest start to May since 1965. Boy I was sure glad to get out of winter alive! As our boating season gets underway many things will be happening with our home clubs. This is when the real summertime fun starts. Please keep me informed about your events so Rhonda and I could help you celebrate. We don't like to miss any parties! With Memorial Day just a few days away we hope you and your clubs will be joining the G.C.B.A. aboard the U.S.S. Cod, as they honor our veterans and our deceased members from our clubs. This is a very special event that doesn't take a lot of time, plus you get free coffee and donuts. How could you go wrong? The briefing starts at 9 am with the march to the Cod at 10:15. While I am blowing the G.C.B.A. horn, don't forget about the Rendezvous at the Huron Boat Basin June 19, 20th & 21st. We will be doing a cocktail party under the pavilion, so another event with a lot of involvement from us. So come out and support them and us by joining in with a hors d'oeuvre to share and maybe a little green for some raffle tickets. We will have a fantastic time! After that it's just boating time until we get to the I-LYA powerboat regatta. As in the past we will be doing a cocktail party to help support their event along with District 9 & 25.

We hope to see you at one or all of these events and Happy Boating until then!!

You make the difference so come join us!

Cleveland East VP Pat White



V.P. Pat White, CLYC

Chagrin River Yacht Club
Lake County Yacht Club
West Channel Yacht Club
Island West Yacht Club
Members at Large
Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club
Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club

It is great seeing all the boats going in the water for the 2015 boating season. I hope everyone has a safe and fun-filled year. IOBG is ready for a great year with a lot of fun events planned.

This past weekend I attended the IOBGA Fashion Show. It was a great afternoon and I enjoyed seeing everyone. A job well done!!

Back in my home port at CLYC, we have our new pool being constructed. The pool should be completed in June. We also have a newly renovated bar and it looks great! Please feel free to plan a visit to CLYC and check out all the new changes.

Please check the Blue Gavel website to see all the upcoming events. If I can help you with anything, please feel free to contact me at 440-256-9714 or email me at ronpatdale@roadrunner.com



President IOBGA Auxiliary – Mary Romano

April 26, 2015 was a little cool but very sunny and bright. This was the date of our Fourth annual Brunch Cruise on the “Nautica Queen”! “101” happy boaters boarded the boat for the scenic voyage down the Cuyahoga River and out to Lake Erie. We all enjoyed the delicious Buffet and some guests even enjoyed a cocktail. . . or two!!

A very special “Thank You” to the IOBGA Bridge for their donations to our “Wine Basket” and for selling tickets. “Thank You” – Debbie & Rhonda and Past Presidents Marianne, Robin and Hildegard!

Everyone enjoys this Brunch Cruise since the participation grows each year. I can definitely tell you all to mark your calendar for **April 24, 2016!** Come back again and enjoy another afternoon with Captain Jim and the entire “Nautica” Crew!

If you were not able to attend the IOBGA Fashion Show you clearly missed an outstanding event for a great charity; “Operation Open Heart”. With eight beautiful ladies modeling Spring and Summer designer fashions from

“Chico’s” this event was destined for success! Thank You to these lovely ladies for a fabulous show: Lois Burkiewicz, Marianne Dempster, Marilyn Gabriel, Hildegard Gebhardt, Rachel Vadaj, Robin Vadaj, Cindy Wierzchowski and Debbie Yearick. Our lunch was prepared in the kitchen at Beaver Park Yacht Club by volunteers from “Operation Open Heart”. Many Thanks to President Bob Brown and these dedicated individuals who give up their time to show the foster children of Lorain

County that “someone” does care! I cannot Thank our handsome servers enough for the great job they did for us.

They were very professional serving the food, beverages and doing the clean up.

“Kudos” to these terrific IOBG members: Lloyd Bogue, Warren Dempster, Cliff Gabriel, Al Gebhardt, Rich McKee, Nick Romano, Mark Vadaj, Tim Yearick and BPYC member Kenn Paprocki. I received many positive comments on the great job you did and all the FUN you were having. Stay in shape--you may be called on again!

We received some very nice donations for a basket raffle. Thank you to the individuals and Companies for their generosity. A very huge “Thank You” to Pat and Wendy from “Chico’s” at Crocker Park. It has been a pleasure to work with them on this Fashion Show. They helped our models select flattering fashions that will make any First Mate comfortable and fashionable on our cruises all summer. I want to Thank my Bridge and Committee for all their help and support. It takes a lot of time and effort to coordinate an event. With the expert knowledge and experience of our Chairperson, Hildegard Gebhardt, our Fashion Show went off without a “hitch”! Thank You Hildegard, Marianne, Robin, Debbie, Rhonda and Marilyn.

In the last few days I have received Emails from ladies in Toledo, Sandusky and Erie, PA. with very positive comments about our food, fashions and venue. It is very rewarding to hear these remarks and to know our efforts are appreciated. We do now, and will try to continue hosting events to keep our members active.



Secretary Dominique Sorbo



Ohio River Watershed VP—Pat Waitkus

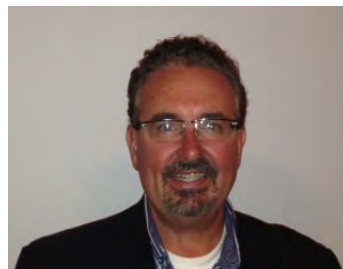
CLEVELAND -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers says dredging in the Cleveland Harbor and the Cuyahoga River channel is underway after a federal judge sided with the state of Ohio and ordered the agency to continue with the work.

The Northeast Ohio Media Group reports (<http://bit.ly/1HmaP22>) the dredging began Thursday. The judge last week ordered the Army Corps to continue dredging while a lawsuit is pending.

The state sued the Army Corps in April over its plan to charge Ohio \$1.4 million for disposing sediment from the channel into containment facilities and not Lake Erie.

The state says the Army Corps wouldn't dredge the entire channel unless Ohio covers the cost.

Per the judge's order, sediment from the court-ordered dredging will be dumped in a disposal facility.



Cleveland Central VP Tim Yearick

Hello All,

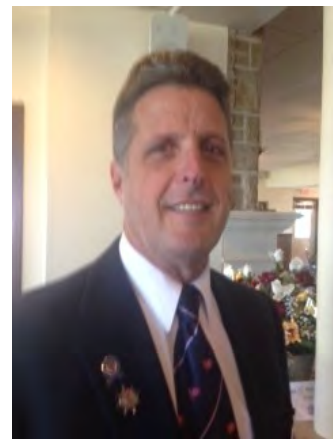
The winter from (fill in the blank) is finally over, shrink wrap is coming off, and boats are going in the water. With that in mind, the lake is still really cold, so make sure you are wearing your life jackets when going out on the lake. Hopefully Mother Nature is kind and allows us to have an enjoyable Memorial Day weekend with our friends and families.

Many kudos to Mary Romano and the ladies Auxiliary on the fine job they did with the fashion show last weekend. It sounds like everyone had a good time and the weather was perfect.

The next big event is the IOBG cocktail party in Huron for the GCBA Rendezvous on June 20th. This is always a great time.

That's all for now. Stay well and hope to see everyone in Huron.

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Edgewater Yacht Club
East Light Yacht Club
Edgewater Marina Boat Club
Northeast Yacht Club
Wildwood Yacht Club
Inter –City Yacht Club
Lakeside Yacht Club
Forest City Yacht Club
Cleveland Yachting Club*



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

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*Vermilion Yacht Club
Vermilion Harbor Yacht Club
Vermilion Boat Club
Beaver Creek Boat Club
Beaver Park Yacht Club
Huron Yacht Club
Lorain Sailing & Cruising Club
Westlake Yachting Club
Laguna Yacht Club*



2015 IOBG Dues Notice

IOBG Dues \$68.00 \$ _____

IOBGA Dues \$10.00 \$ _____

Humanitarian Fund Donation (Optional) \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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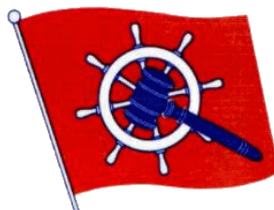
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St Patrick's Day Parade





Blue Blazer

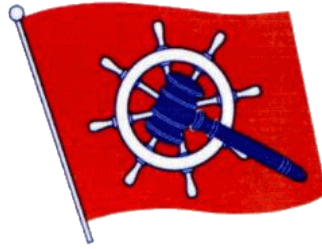


Blue Blazer



IOBGA Nautica Queen





IOBG D7 Calendar

October 11th-	District 7 Change of Watch-Forest City Y.C.
October 16th-19th	International Annual meeting and Ball-Beachwood, Ohio
November 7th-9th	GCBA Commanders Ball-Beachwood, Ohio
November 15th	E-Board meeting at Northeast Y.C.
December 5th-7th	I-LYA Fall meeting (Districts 7,9 & 25 pizza on Friday night)-Westlake, Ohio
February 5th-8th	IOBG Regional meeting (D-15) in San Diego, California
February 20th-22nd	AYC Commodore's Ball-Perrysburg, Ohio
March 7th	E-Board meeting@ TBD
March 8th	Brunch Cleveland Yacht Club
March 17th	St. Patrick's Parade in Cleveland
March 26th	Blue Blazer @ Bratenahl Place
March 27th-28th	I-LYA Spring meeting-Perrysburg, Ohio
April 26th	IOBGA Nautica brunch cruise
May 14th	E-Board Meeting @ Huron Y.C.
May 17th	IOBGA Fashion Show at Beaver Park Yacht Club
May 25th	Memorial Day Ceremony at the USS COD
June 19th-21st	GCBA Rendezvous-Huron, Ohio
August 8th	I-LYA power regatta-August 8th-IOBG Cocktail party at PIBYC
September 10th	E-Board meeting
September 18th-20th	Annual Wine Tour-Geneva, Ohio
October 10th	D-7 Change of watch

3rd Annual IOBG District 7 Wine Tour



September 18-20, 2015
The Lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake

Come by Car or Boat

Friday, September 18

Self-guided tours

District 7 Hospitality suite open after 7 pm, (if you like, bring a bottle of your favorite wine)

Snacks, beverages and beer available

Saturday, September 19

Arrive at Lodge no later than 11am, tour bus departs at 11:30am

Wine tour info to follow after the first of the year.

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)

Snacks, beverages and beer available

Sunday September 20

Breakfast Buffet at the Lodge. Check out at 11 am

Lodge room rates: Friday—Standard Double \$129.00, Premium King--\$175.00

Saturday—Standard Double \$159.00, Premium King \$199.00

(plus 14.75% bed tax respectively)

A block of 15 rooms has been reserved for IOBG District 7. Mention group ID 4G81HE

Shuttle tour: \$25. for hotel guests, \$30. for non-guests. Shuttle info to follow after first of year.

Reservation due date August 4, 2015

The Lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake reservations 1-800-801-9982

Geneva State Park Marina Dockage 440-466-7565 or e-mail: genevamarina@ncweb.com

**In addition to hotel and shuttle reservations, please confirm that you will be attending this event by e-mailing Warren Dempster at wcyc40@yahoo.com or 440-725-7731.



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