

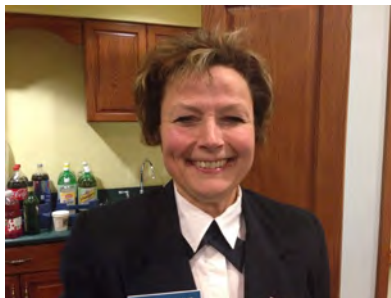


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President Debbie Light



I am honored to be your incoming IOBG District 7 President and hope to continue in the footsteps of our past presidents before me, we have another busy year ahead of us and we hope that we have put together a 2017 Calendar of Events that all of you will be able to attend. I look forward to meeting as many members as possible in the upcoming year.

I would like to congratulate Debbie Yearick for becoming the 2017 IOBG-Auxiliary President. I also want to thank all of our Auxiliary Officers and look forward to working with them. I look forward to working with all of our Vice Presidents and Board Officers this year. I would like to thank all of our VP's that have stayed on and welcome our new offices to the Bridge. A special thank you to Warren Dempster, who graciously volunteered to take on the secretary role for my year. We are committed to involve all our members and recruit new members to our organization. I would also like to thank Rich McKee for an awesome 2016.

If anyone has any questions, concerns, comments or suggestions please feel free to contact either one of our Vice Presidents, Bridge Officers, or myself. We definitely will strive to have fun, have an eventful year and hope you will be able to attend one of our events.

Happy Thanksgiving!!

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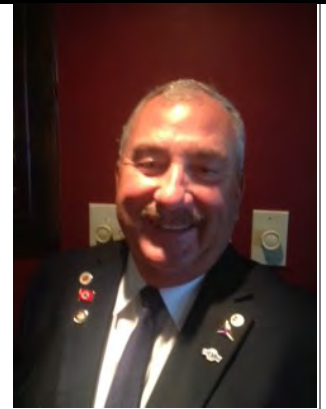
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Upcoming Events:

11/18 –11/20—GCBA
Commanders Ball, Kalahari Resort

12/2/16—ILYA Fall
Meeting, Perrysburg
OH—French Quarter

President Elect Lloyd Bogue



First of all I would like to thank the members of District # 7 for electing me as the President Elect for 2017. I look forward to serving with my fellow board members and especially our President Debbie Light. By the time this gets in your hands I will have completed my second & final year as the Greater Cleveland Boating Association's Commander. This has been a very rewarding experience for me and we at the GCBA have appreciated the relationship that the two organizations have had over the years. Congratulations to our new Commander Linda Leff of Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club and her entire bridge. We wish her the best!

2017 will be very similar to years past with many events planned. Our treasurer John Sukis will be sending out our dues notices and you will find a copy of the form enclosed. As you may or may not know, District # 7 had the largest membership in the country until this past October when District #8 (Florida) overtook us by 13 members. We at district # 7 are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to the challenges ahead as we try to get back on top competing with a geographical area at least 5 times our size. So as your clubs do your change of watch and your commodores become past, ask them to join your local gavel chapter. Our district has some promotional tools to help you with this task. If I, or any of our area VP's can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call or email us. My email is lloydbogue@windstream.net or 440-812-4242.

I would also like to thank "Forest City Yacht Club" for allowing us to have our change of watch at their wonderful club. One the activities District #7 has done over the years is to go together with Districts #9 & #25 to support our fellow boating organization the I-LYA. We host a pizza party at their fall meeting. This year is no different we will be hosting this event on Friday December 2nd at the Holiday Inn in Perrysburg, Ohio. So come out enjoy the joint activity and meet some of your counterparts from District #9 & #25.

As the calendar year winds down and the holidays approach, Rhonda & I would like to wish you and your families a very happy holiday and a wonderful New Year.

First Vice President Dominique Sorbo



I would like to thank IOBG, District 7 for the opportunity to serve as the 2017 First Vice President. I am a proud Past Commodore (2010) of the Huron Yacht Club and have been a member of IOBG since 2011. I have served as the District 7 Secretary for the past 4 years.

Since I joined the IOBG, I have had the privilege of meeting many of you and shared stories and challenges of serving as a Commodore of our clubs. What I have enjoyed most, is visiting various clubs across Lake Erie. IOBG has opened up the opportunity to see what each unique club has to offer. There are many great events hosted by our clubs and I encourage you to visit their websites and take advantage of the IOBG membership and visit our clubs and attend their events. We are one of the largest Districts in the world which says a great deal about the Lake Erie boating fraternity. You must not forget that our IOBG membership also provides us with the opportunity to visit clubs outside of District 7 across the US and abroad.

I am looking forward to meeting many more of you and a very exciting 2017.

District Director Rich McKee



I can't believe that 2016 is almost over! It has been a very busy year for our organization and we had a full calendar of events. I was very happy to see many of you attend at least one of the events scheduled and I hope that you had a good time! District 7 is a fantastic organization that has an outstanding reputation and it is our members that promote this whenever we are at an event.

It has been my sincere pleasure to be the 2016 District 7 IOBG President. I would like to take this time to thank the entire Executive Board for their outstanding service this year. I think that we all worked together towards making this a successful year. I would like to ask everyone to stand with me in support of our 2017 President, Debbie Light. Debbie has a lot of great ideas and I know she will do a fantastic job for 2017. I have expressed to Debbie to not hesitate to call on any of us for help and support if needed. I would also like to thank my advisor, Warren Dempster, for all of his help this past year. Whenever I had a question, he was always willing to offer some great advice. I would also like to take this time to thank my wife, Beth. She is the one that makes sure that I get everything completed on time and helps out wherever necessary. She is truly why I can run through all of these offices, even though she doesn't find out about this until after I have been voted into the office. She has suggested that something sparkly will take the place of a "Thank You".

Again, I would like to thank everyone for all of their help this year. I know that we will continue to work together to make sure that IOBG District 7 remains an outstanding organization. I invite all of you to attend events and promote District 7 in the boating community whenever possible. I am looking forward to being District Director this year and offer my assistance to the 2017 Board.

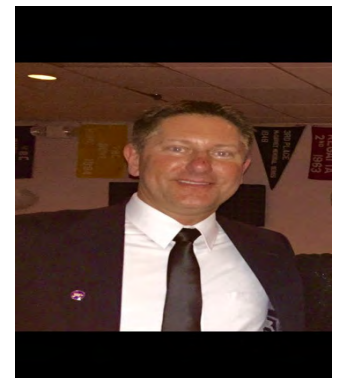
Northwest VP Lewie Kuhn

Where has this year gone? With the holiday fast approaching I want to wish everyone a Happy and Joyous Holiday Season. I do know a few diehards that still have their boats in the water, but they will be coming out soon. We did have a great boating season this year, I hope you were all able to get out and enjoy the water.

I was able to visit a few clubs this summer including Sandusky YC, Middle Bass YC, and Put-in Bay YC. We had a great time at each of the clubs we stopped at.

Please don't forget to send in your dues for the coming year. We are trying to beat the district in Florida as the district with the most members, at last count we were with in about 20 members.

Congratulations to all the new Commodores taking office for this year, and welcome to all the new Past Commodores, we hope you will join us.



Northwest V.P. Lewie Kuhn

*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*

International Ball 2017

As many of you know already, District 7 is honored, once again, to have the International Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. Just a couple years ago, we honored our own Joel Kay and now Tony Durieux will become President at the event happening October 18-22, 2017. This type of event needs a lot of help in planning and coordination. I come to you asking for your help in planning this event. We need people before, during and after the event, so if you have some free time and would like to help, feel free to give me a call at 216-389-3020 or email me at pgravenl@yahoo.com.

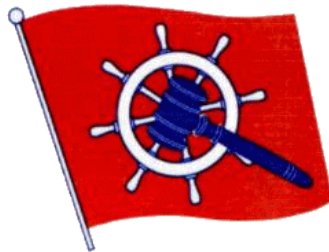
Lets show how proud we are to have this event and to show off our city one more time!!!

Respectfully,
Patricia A. Graven
IOBGA President 2007

Ohio Watershed VP Patrick Waitkus



Congratulations to Rick McKee and our outstanding outgoing administration. Kudos for a fantastic year! Good will, and all hands on deck for Debbie Light and the new board. Congratulations to Tony Durieux as he continues the commitment and tradition of district 7 leadership. We are all humbled by their commitment.





**V.P. Kathryn McCarthy—
REYC**

*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 Kathryn McCarthy

Hello IOBG D7 Members,

Where has the 2016 boating season gone? By now, most everyone's boats are tucked away for a long winter season. We certainly can't complain about this year's boating season though. We had beautiful weather and calm waters most of the season. My husband and I utilized our boat all summer long with our shakedown cruise to Geneva on the Lake for Memorial Day, followed by a trip to Huron in June for the GCBA Rendezvous, to Rock-n-Dock In Cleveland for the Fourth of July, our big trip in August, two or three more impromptu trips to Geneva again, and ended the season with a trip to Edgewater Yacht Club for Labor Day where we could watch parts of the airshow. Our big trip in August consisted of a 12 day cruise to Lemington, up Lake St. Clair to Jefferson Beach, Algonac, MacRays, and Lake Huron, back to Cedar Point, Marblehead, and Kelly's Island before we headed home. Let's not talk about the gallons of fuel we used, that would spoil the fun!

For those attending the GCBA Commander's Ball this weekend at Kalahari, I hope everyone has a wonderful time. Due to family obligations, I will not be able to attend, but will enjoy it precariously through all of you that do. I will be celebrating with all of you in spirit!

A fundraiser was kicked off this week to raise funding for the 2017 IOBG Convention and Ball which will be held in October of 2017 honoring President Elect Tony Duriex and Lady Sandi. A Basket of 25-30 liter bottles of premium spirits will be raffled off at the GCBA Rendezvous in Huron next season. Tickets are only \$5.00 each and should be available through any E-Board Officer. Most everyone can use a basket of fine spirits! We would really appreciate your support by purchasing tickets.

As we are approaching the end of the year, our treasurer will be sending out statements for our 2017 dues. I encourage everyone to promptly pay your 2017 dues. It takes the support of all our members to keep District 7 in full swing. Also, please promote the IOBG D7 within your clubs to all your past commodores. We would love to invite them for membership.

I hope everyone will continue getting together with their boating friends over the winter while we begin the big countdown to spring launch. It's too far away to ask how many days so I will refrain at this time. In closing, I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful holiday season.

Respectfully,

P/C Kathryn McCarthy
V/P Northeast Chapter



President IOBGA Auxiliary – Debbie Yearick



Cleveland Central VP Tim Yearick

Another boating season has come and gone. I can't believe how fast the time goes by. This was the finest boating season weather wise I can remember in my 30 years of boating. I am finishing my 4th and final year as Commodore at North East Yacht Club. NEYC just signed and executed a 50 year lease with the state of Ohio. This exercise has been ongoing for the last 5 years. It's time to relax and enjoy life at a little slower pace.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you this coming weekend at the GCBA Commander's Ball in Sandusky. Best of luck to Linda Leff and the Bridge of GCBA in 2017. Hats off to past Commander Lloyd Bogue for his 2 years of as the head of GCBA. I will be heading up the Winter Rendezvous (Bowling Tournament) again this year. Registration forms will be mailed in the next week to all of last year's captains. We are always looking to add more teams. If you would like to bowl the last 2 Sundays in January give me a call.

In October, IOBG D7 had our change of watch at Forest City Yacht Club. A big thanks to Rich McGee and last year's bridge for all their hard work and dedication. I look forward to working with Debbie Light and the new bridge as we kick off a fun filled year in 2017.

Wishing all of you in D7 Happy Holidays and a happy and healthy year in 2017.

2017 IOBG Dues Notice

IOBG Dues \$68.00 \$ _____

IOBGA Dues \$10.00 \$ _____

Humanitarian Fund Donation (Optional) \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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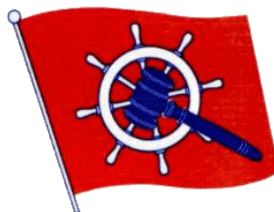
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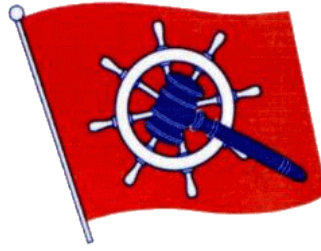
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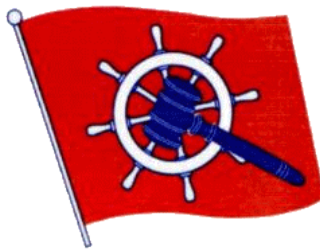
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IOBG D7 Calendar

October 1st	District 7 Change of Watch - Forest City Yacht Club
November 18th- 19th	GCBA Commanders Ball - Kalahari Resort
December 2nd-4th	I-LYA Fall Meeting (District 7, 9 & 25 Pizza on Friday Night) - Perrysburg, OH
February	AYC Commodore's Ball - Perrysburg, OH
March	E-Board Meeting @ TBA
March 17th	St. Patrick's Parade in Cleveland
March	Blue Blazer @ North East Yacht Club (tentative)
April	I-LYA Spring Meeting - Perrysburg, OH
April 24th	IOBGA Nautica Brunch Cruise
May 12th	E-Board Meeting @ TBA
May 30th	Memorial Day Ceremony at the USS COD
June	GCBA Rendezvous – Huron Boat Basin
June	District 7 Cocktail Party - GCBA Rendezvous
August	I-LYA Power Regatta
August	IOBG Cocktail Party @PIBYC, Districts 7, 9, & 25
September	E-Board Meeting @ TBA
September	Annual Wine Tour - Geneva, Ohio
October	D-7 Change of Watch



Please join IOBGA District 7 for a Brunch Cruise on The Nautica Queen.

Sunday April 23, 2017 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Boarding time is 12:00 p.m.

Adults \$33.00 per person

Buffet includes:

Fresh Fruit Compote
Mixed Greens with Dressing
Assorted Sweet Rolls, Danish and
Croissants with Butter and Jam
Side Salads
Chef's Choice of Carving - Beef, Ham, or Turkey
French Toast or Waffles with Maple Syrup
Grilled Bacon and Sausage
Blintzes with Fruit Toppings
Home Fried Potatoes
Fluffy Scrambled Eggs
Pasta du jour
Breast of Chicken du jour
Dessert
Choice of Coffee, Tea or Iced Tea
Cash Bar

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

Seating is limited, please reserve early. Reservations and payment due by April 10, 2017

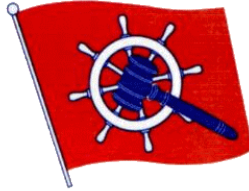
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