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Traditionally the Spring Regional meeting has always been held in Portland, Oregon to coincide with the annual Royal Rosarian Festival. One of the qualities we love about coming to Portland is their wonderful yet inexpensive city-wide transit system using trains and buses. We never have to rent a car and yet can travel to hotels, restaurants and attractions anywhere in the city without a worry about directions, traffic or parking. The first nights hotel was located very close to the site of our meeting, the Portland Yacht Club. The Hotel van picked us up at the airport and the next day, took us to our meeting.

After the meeting the Royal Rosarians provided transportation to the headquarters hotel downtown. On Friday morning transportation was provided to Washington Park and the beautiful Rosarian Knighting Ceremony conducted there. President-Elect "Dame" Rosalie Davis Green was knighted along with many other recognized contributors to the world, our nation and to their local communities in an enthralling ceremony suggesting a mythical kingdom in the era following the War of Roses. She joins an extensive list of other honorary Knights and Dames, including John Philip Susa, Jimmy Stewart, Burl Ives, Hank Aaron, Orval Redenbacher, Pat Boone and Lawrence Welk. It is the Royal Rotarians way to say "Thanks for a job well done."



On Friday afternoon, we traveled to Columbia River Yacht Club. They have a large number of unique, huge boat houses housing member's yachts, two of which took our entire group for a tour along the beautiful Columbia River waterfront. Following the tour we returned to a fabulous buffet dinner of prime rib, roast turkey and all the fixin's prepared by the members. Many thanks to District 5 President Mike Kondrat, District Director Ron Timmerman, Treasurer Steve Adkins and Columbia River Yacht Club's Bill McKinney and their committees for their hard work.

Use a conference call service for your committee's meetings:

The IOBG standing committee members and many district committee members for that matter, reside many miles distant from a central meeting site. So how does the committee function when its members are located far apart? The answer is to utilize one of the free services offering telephone conference calls, such as freeconferencecall.com. Committee members can all attend a prearranged conference by telephone with each member calling the same number and are connected telephonically, just as though they were all sitting in the same room. At that time the committee constitutes a miniature assembly, being able to act only when a quorum is present. The Executive Committee has been doing just that for two years and it works quite well. Contact me if you would like more information.

I hope to see many of you at the summer regional meeting in the Buffalo and Niagara Falls area August 19-21.

**The International Order of the Blue Gavel
Summer Regional Meeting
August 18 -20, 2016 Niagara Falls, NY.**



The Four Points by Sheraton offers stylish guest rooms and meeting space, as well as a full service dining room.

Four Points by Sheraton
7001 Buffalo Avenue
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

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716-299-0344**

\$149.00 (2 Queen Beds) City View
\$169.00 (2 Queen Beds) River View



Explore the Fashion Outlets, the Seneca Niagara Casino, the mighty Falls and everything else our area has to offer.

Daily dinners will be hosted by area yacht clubs and a ride on the Maid of the Mist is on the schedule.

LaSalle Yacht Club (4 minute walk from the hotel)
73 S. 68th Street
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Buffalo Launch Club
503 East River Road
Grand Island, NY

Check out our area restaurants online: [The 10 Best Niagara Falls Restaurants](#)



International Order of the Blue Gavel Summer Regional Meeting

August 18-20, 2016

**Hosted by District #3
Western New York**

Thursday, August 18

3:00 PM	Four Points by Sheraton check-in
5:00 – 7:00 PM	Registration at LaSalle Yacht Club, Niagara Falls, NY (Complimentary wine and beer)
7:30 PM	Dinner on your own

Friday, August 19

9:00 AM	Both IOBG Executive Committee and the Auxiliary Executive Committee will meet at the hotel (Summer Whites)
Noon	Lunch on your own
2:30 PM	Depart hotel for Maid of the Mist Boat Tour
3:00 – 4:00 PM	Maid of the Mist Boat Tour—experience the power of the Falls
5:30 PM	Depart hotel for Buffalo Launch Club, Grand Island, NY
6:00 PM	Cocktails - Cash Bar (Yacht Club Casual)
7:00 PM	Buffet Dinner (Includes sliced beef, turkey and ham, salad and dessert)
9:00 PM	Return to hotel

Saturday, August 20

9:00 AM	Summer regional IOBG meeting and IOBGA regional meeting at the hotel (Summer Whites)
Noon	Lunch on your own
1:00 – 3:00 PM	Humanitarian Foundation meeting at the hotel
6:00 PM	Lobster Bake at LaSalle Yacht Club (Yacht Club Casual)

Sunday, August 21

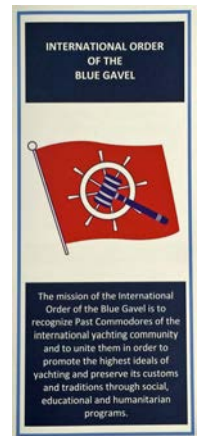
11:00 AM	Departure
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President - Elect Rosalie Davis-Green

Brochure

The long awaited new IOBG informational brochure is completed. Through the process of developing it we have come up with an excellent product that reflects the broad range of recreational boating interests. It is an attractive tri-fold that depicts who we are, what we do and highlights why a past commodore would enjoy joining us. Please use it when discussing membership with fellow past commodores. Your District Director will soon have a supply to share with you.



Royal Rosarians Honorary Knighting

It is an honor to be selected for honorary knighthood by the Royal Rosarians. The Royal Rosarians are the official greeters and ambassadors of goodwill for the city of Portland Oregon, the City of Roses. Their mission is to support the Rose Festival and to promote the best interests of the city. The candidates for knighting are knighted under the rose which they select from a comprehensive database of roses. My rose is Royal Welcome. A variety of people are selected each year because of their individual achievement or because of the positive contributions their organization makes to the community. In particular with Blue Gavel, the President-Elect is invited each year to participate in the honorary knighting ceremony in recognition of Blue Gavel's positive contributions to their local boating communities. I was happy to accept the honor and carry on the tradition on behalf of the International Order of the Blue Gavel. It is truly a special experience.

2016 Annual Meeting Marina del Rey, California



The annual meeting committee is working hard preparing for a wonderful annual meeting. The annual meeting pin is inspired by Helmsman Statue, which resides in Burton Chase Park, the main park in Marina del Rey. The Helmsman Statue reminds us to steer our ships safely to sea and safely home to our safe harbor. The park is bounded on two sides by slips for transiting boaters. The park has picnic areas, barbecues, a dog run, open space with green grass and benches facing the water. It is a great place to take a walk or a bike ride. In the summer the park hosts two free concert series...a pop music and a classical series.

Marina del Rey is part of the greater Los Angeles area. There are a myriad of things to do and see. There is something of interest for everyone come to the meeting and participate in the organization. Stay a few extra days and enjoy Los Angeles.

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL

2016 ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 19-22, 2016

MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

(If you prefer...On-line registration is available on the IOBG web site's home page at www.iobg.org)

Meeting Hotel:

Custom Hotel 8639 Lincoln Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90045 Phone: 310-645-0400

Contact hotel directly to reserve a room. Ask for "IOBG" rate.

Hotel reservations also available on-line. Visit the IOBG web site for information.

Hotel Reservation Deadline is October 3, 2016

All Meetings Held at:

Del Rey Yacht Club (DRYC) 13900 Palawan Way Marina del Rey, CA 90292

Thursday, October 20 – Tour of Long Beach Harbor, Aquarium & Dinner

Board bus at Custom Hotel at 12:15 p.m. Taking the bus requires a commitment to both tours and dinner. Bus is limited to the first 54 persons who sign up.

	Number	Cost	Amount Due
Box Lunch on Bus	_____ @	\$10.50	\$ _____
Choice of: Grilled Vegetable Sandwich _____ Sub w/Turkey, Salami & Fontina Cheese _____			
Blacken Chicken Sandwich _____.		Lunch comes w/ Chips, Fruit and Can of Soda	
Long Beach Harbor Tour & Aquarium Admission	_____ @	\$33.00	\$ _____
Add \$2 if under age 60	_____ @	\$2.00	\$ _____
Dinner at Long Beach Yacht Club	_____ @	\$37.00	\$ _____
No. of each: Sirloin Entrée _____ Salmon Entrée _____ Vegetarian _____			

Friday, October 21 – Tour of Getty Museum & Yacht Club Dinner

Board bus from DRYC at 12:15 p.m. Bus is limited to first 54 who sign up.

Getty Museum Tour (Parking)	_____ @	\$5.25	\$ _____
(Parking is pro-rated cost of parking bus; if you choose to take your own car, fee is \$15 payable to attendant)			
Pasta Dinner at Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club	_____ @	\$16.00	\$ _____
Choice of meat _____ or vegetarian _____ pasta dinner with salad, dessert & coffee			

Saturday, October 22– Lunch & Gala Dinner

Buffet lunch at Del Rey Yacht Club	_____ @	\$10.50	\$ _____
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(Soup du jour, cole slaw, potato salad, garden salad w/balsamic dressing, assorted sandwiches, soda)

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Installation Dinner & Ball at Del Rey Yacht Club _____ @ \$65.00 \$ _____
(includes passed hors d'oeuvres - spanakopita, chicken satays, vegetarian stuffed mushrooms and 2 bottles of wine at each table)

Roasted pear & walnut salad with mixed greens & arugula

No. of each:

Beef _____ (Flank steak w/peppercorn sauce, au gratin potatoes & seasonal vegetables)

Fish _____ (Herb encrusted white fish, au gratin potatoes & seasonal vegetables)

Vegetarian _____ (Vegetarian pasta primavera)

Dessert: Chocolate Florentine cup with vanilla bean ice cream & fresh berries

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

IOBG ANNUAL MEETING 2016 REGISTRATION

(Registration Deadline is October 6, 2016)

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IOBG Office Held (if any) : _____ District #: _____

Spouse/Guest name _____

(Check as applicable): Member: IOBG _____ IOBGA _____ Guest: _____

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If any special needs (e.g., in wheelchair, special diet, etc.), please describe:

Please make out your check for "Total Due" payable to "IOBG Annual Meet 2016" and mail to:

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2016 ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 19-22, 2016



Del Rey Yacht Club
13900 Palawan Way Marina del Rey, CA 90292

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Meeting Hotel:

Custom Hotel 8639 Lincoln Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90045 Phone: 310-645-0400

All Meetings Held at:

Del Rey Yacht Club (DRYC) 13900 Palawan Way Marina del Rey, CA 90292

Wednesday, October 19

Registration	Custom Hotel	4:00 – 8:00 pm
Hospitality Suite	Custom Hotel	4:00 – 8:00 pm
Dinner	On Your Own	

Thursday, October 20

	Uniform Morning Meetings – Winter Uniform (Greys, Tie & Blazer)	
IOBG Executive Committee	DRYC – Pacific Room	8:30 – 11:00 am
IOBGA Executive Committee	DRYC – Upstairs Dining Room	8:30 – 11:00 am
Board bus for Long Beach Tour*	Meet at the Custom Hotel Lobby	12:15 pm
Long Beach Harbor Boat Tour*	Rainbow Harbor, Long Beach	1:45 - 2:30 pm
Aquarium of the Pacific Tour*	Rainbow Harbor, Long Beach	2:45 – 5:00 pm
Board bus for Long Beach YC	Rainbow Harbor, Long Beach	5:15 pm
Dinner*	Long Beach Yacht Club	6:15 – 8:00 pm
Board Bus for Custom Hotel		8:15 pm
Registration	Custom Hotel	9:30-11:00 pm
Hospitality Suite	Custom Hotel	9:30-11:00 pm

Friday, October 21

	Dress of the Day: Yacht Club Casual (All Day...)	
Registration	DRYC – Lobby	8:30 – 9:30 am
IOBG-Humanitarian Foundation	DRYC – Pacific Room	8:30 – 9:30 am
IOBG General Meeting	DRYC- Puerto Vallarta Room	9:00 – 11:45 am
Board Bus for Getty Museum*	Meet in DRYC front lot	12:15 pm
Arrive at Getty Museum		1:45 pm
Tour Museum (lunch on your own)	Getty Museum	2:00 – 5:00 pm
Board Bus for Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club (SMWYC)		5:15 pm
Arrive at SMWYC	No Host bar	6:15 pm
Dinner at SMWYC*		7:00 -8:00 pm
Board Bus for Return to Hotel		8:15 pm

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2016 ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 19-22, 2016

Del Rey Yacht Club

13900 Palawan Way Marina del Rey, CA 90292



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Saturday, October 22

Dress of the Day – Winter Uniform (Greys, Tie & Blazer)

Registration	DRYC	8:30 – 9:30 am
IOBG Annual Meeting	DRYC – Puerto Vallarta Room	9:00 – 12:00 pm
IOBGA Annual Meeting	DRYC- Pacific Room	9:30 – 12:00 pm
Lunch Buffet*	DRYC – Puerto Vallarta Room	12:00 – 1:00 pm
IOBG Annual Meeting Cont...	DRYC – Puerto Vallarta Room	1:15 – 2:15 pm
Fall Regional Meeting	DRYC – Puerto Vallarta Room	2:15 – 3:00 pm
Board Bus to Return to Custom Hotel... Meet at DRYC Front Lot		3:15 pm

Remainder of afternoon at leisure

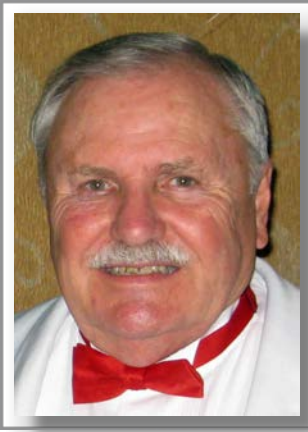
Gala Dinner - Dress: Black Tie/Formal Attire Preferred

Board Bus at Custom Hotel for Dinner at DRYC		5:45 pm
Check-in/No Host Cocktails	DRYC Upstairs Dining Room	6:15 pm
Gala Dinner Dance and		
Installation of Officers*	DRYC Upstairs Dining Room	7:00 pm
Board Bus for Custom Hotel	Meet at DRYC Front Lot	10:00 pm

Sunday, October 23

Travel home. Thank you for attending the 2016 IOBG Annual Meeting

* Activity requires a reservation.



First Vice President
Tony Durieux

I would like to speak to our districts about working together as a team. When your District Director makes their district report; include any new ideas or events that involved your district or chapter. Tell everyone about his or her success. If one has created a new way to bring together their members or chapters for the good of the district spread the word.

As I used to tell my sons, you do not have the time to make all the mistakes yourself. Study and learn from others, you will be far more successful with less aggravation. So, again, if you have a chapter or district that has been very successful...spread the word. This is valuable information. The Chapter will thank you for acknowledging their great work and your fellow Districts will thank you for the information.

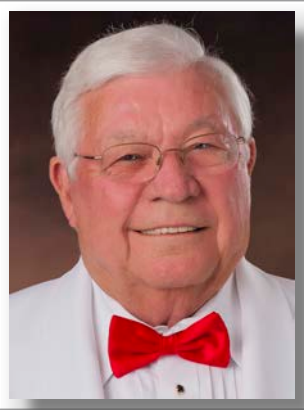
In my article in the May LOG newsletter I spoke about suggestions for membership retention and that it is the most sought after information our chapters are looking for. Remember when planning activities for a district or chapter, think back to the time when you joined your yacht club. What did you look for? Fun, kid friendly, good dock partners, people to spend a day, week or more with, just being boaters? Your members must want to participate in what you have to offer. What are you offering your Blue Gavel members?

In addition, the biggest question of all, did you plan your activity to include the Blue Gavel family? We are a family and it is imperative that we include all those in the family when possible.

Here's a great example...Sandi and I went on a Sunday Brunch cruise on the Nautica Queen, dinner cruise ship, out of Cleveland, Ohio. The District 7 Auxiliary planned the event that included both gavel and auxiliary members, bridge officers from surrounding yacht clubs and friends. At the last count, the number was 150+ people on the boat.

Remember, the gavel family, when an event is planned. All of this goes to Retention and Recruitment. When current bridge officers see that the gavel stands for more than just the Past Commodore, the desire to become part of the Blue Gavel is given extra emphasis both now and at renewal time.





Second Vice President Bud Higginson

My goals to establish communications with the area Vice Presidents (West of the Mississippi) to discuss our mutual thoughts about increasing our membership and improve our retention program has been delayed due to a personal health issue. I am recovering quickly and expect to be back on track soon. I will be beginning an outpatient rehab program this week after 1 ½ months of other therapy. All parts of my body are beginning to function normally.

In the meantime, I am continuing to participate in the Executive Committee monthly teleconferences and keep up with activities online and through emails.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Buffalo Regional meeting in August.

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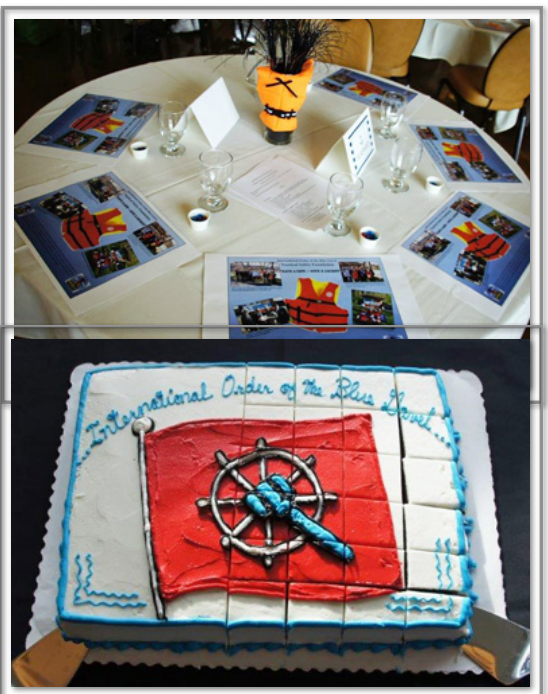
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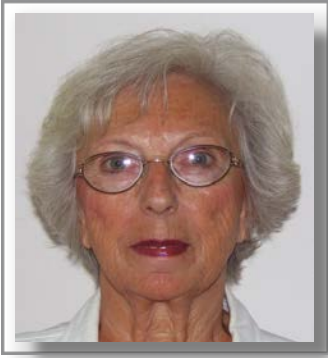
Past President, Joel Kay



On a beautiful late May evening, Edgewater Yacht Club and IOBG District 7 member, John Sukis, held a "Re-naming Ceremony" for his recently purchased Catalina 32 "Sail On" on the bulkhead next to the club patio. Many EWYC members were in attendance plus his family.

John read the 20 minute long protocol for the event, coupled with his grandson's pouring a bottle of champagne first from starboard to port, then from the stern, then from port and then finishing the bottle moving from port to starboard. It was a fun ceremony, except for John's intent on reading the whole document. This was the first time I've been privy to the totality of the event! Needless to say, everyone not only clapped when John finished, they cheered!





N.B.F. Representative Marlene Barrington

House Members Question EPA on Ethanol Increase:

In a letter sent to Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy, 45 members of the House of Representatives questioned the agency about what it has done to protect boat owners and other small-engine equipment consumers from accidentally misfueling with E15 and higher blends of ethanol. The bipartisan letter, spearheaded by the National Marine Manufacturers Association, requests pertinent information about the agency's consumer outreach efforts to date and what plans the agency has to better educate consumers in the future. The letter came in response to increasing ethanol mandates from the EPA — with more E15 expected on the market, more needs to be done to ensure that marine engines are not damaged because of misfueling. "Congress will continue to seek a permanent solution, but until then it is imperative that EPA take upon itself the responsibility to reduce the likelihood of widespread fueling mistakes associated with E15," wrote the members of Congress. A label between the price and octane level at this pump tells consumers the fuel is not blended with ethanol.

The EPA proposed in May raising ethanol levels in the overall fuel supply for 2017. The NMMA is asking industry stakeholders to weigh in during the public comment period, which lasts until July. "It's important to voice up as an industry and show that we are concerned about the proposal as it was written, and we're calling on the EPA to lower volume numbers before they finalize the rule later this year," Members of the boating industry should also use the election season as an opportunity to discuss ethanol issues with legislators because they are spending additional time locally to campaign for re-election, Lewan said.

Bill Introduced in U.S. House of Representatives to Authorize eLoran:

Representative Hunter (R-CA) introduced the Miscellaneous Maritime Transportation Act of 2016 (HR 5531) to amend title 46, United States Code, to improve maritime transportation, and for other purposes. (6/26/16). Note: The primary provision of this bill authorizes the United States Coast Guard to construct and maintain an enhanced Loran system. This is a major step forward in the process of re-establishing a backup for the vital but vulnerable Global Positioning System (GPS). Much of Europe and Asia still have operational Loran systems, so when this bill passes, this is indeed good news for the boating community.

Given the vulnerability of GPS, the National Boating Federation has long been an advocate of having enhanced Loran as a backup to and complement for the existing GPS system. Enhanced Loran (eLoran), is a terrestrial based navigation system versus GPS, which is satellite based. Robert Lilley, Ph. D., former Director of the International Loran Association, has also long been an advocate for maintaining a Loran system.

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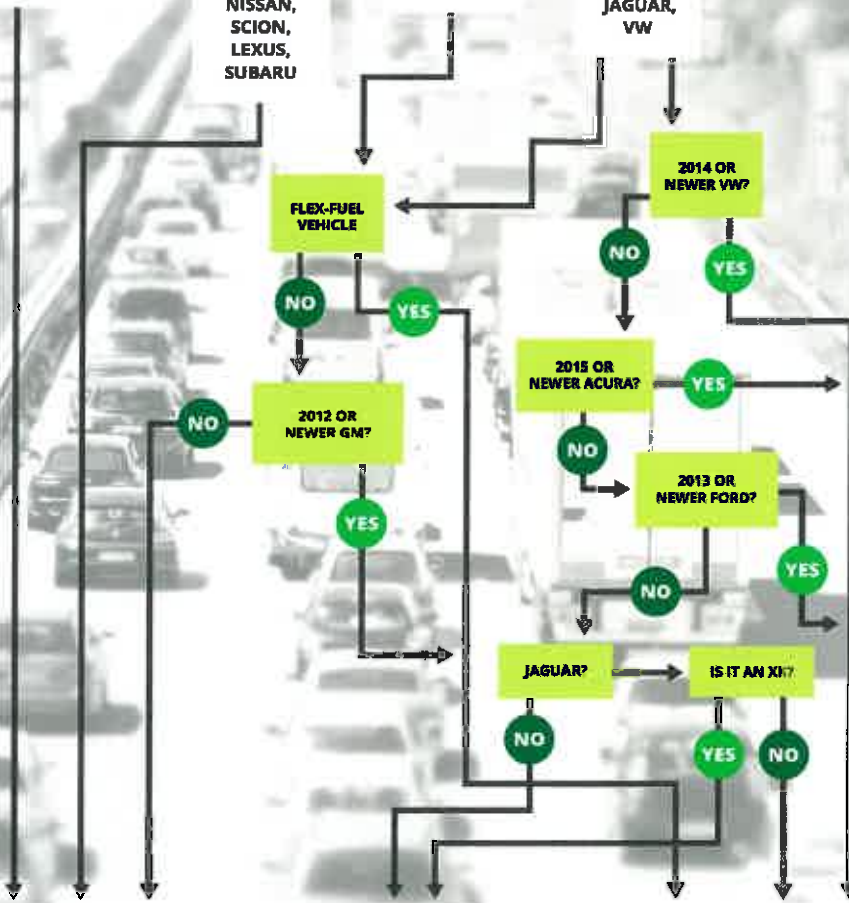
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Districts
1 & 5
2, 4 & 24
Blue Gavel Canada

District 1 had its Spring Meeting in Yakima which is in eastern Washington state, 142 miles SE of Seattle. In the past Spring and Fall meeting have switched between eastern and western Washington but because of declining attendance in western Washington it was decided to have both on the east side this year. Fifty people attended.

This year's summer picnic was on July 16 in LaConner, Washington. It is a small historic town located 70 miles north of Seattle on the Swinomish Channel. Thousands of boaters pass through LaConner each year using this channel as an inland passage to the San Juan Islands and beyond into Canada. Using this route avoids the sometimes rough and unpredictable Strait of Juan de Fuca.



Membership growth and retention has been a struggle for District 1 over the years. When Ev Henry started IOBG in 1954 it grew with the largest yacht clubs in Seattle and vicinity. But there was another group called the "Grand 14 Yacht Clubs of Puget Sound" which was founded in 1949. Over the years the Grand 14 clubs dropped out of Blue Gavel and, with a few exceptions, they keep to themselves. There have been repeated efforts over the years to invite them back to our organization but with little success.

I am encouraged by the direction District 5 is going with their Nautical Safety Foundation as another dimension of Blue Gavel. This was discussed during the Spring Meeting of District 1 and will be pursued. Maybe with a project like District 5 has organized, District 1 can also have another dimension that will inspire membership growth and retention.

District 5
Submitted by Mike Kondrat, President
& Ron Timmerman, District Director

Once again District 5 was pleased and honored to host the 2016 Spring Regional Meeting in Portland. We anticipated a gala few days including the meeting at Portland Yacht Club, dinner and boating at Columbia River Yacht Club, plus the Portland Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade, the Royal Rosarian Knighting Ceremony, the Grand Ball and much socializing in general.

District 5 has been active in community service including our annual Hadley's Landing Spring Cruise performing dock and picnic grounds repair and cleanup.

Below is a District press release by Mike Kondrat, District 5 President, covering the results of the recently formed 501(c)3 Foundation. The success of the program is due to the efforts and leadership of Mike Kondrat, Jen Tonneson, Vice President, Bill McKinney, past President and Secretary, Steve Adkins, Treasurer and Shirley Ridley, past President and Trustee. The IOBG Humanitarian Foundation grant the first year was a tremendous assist. Member fundraising and now the Oregon State Marine Board grant is helping to continue the growth. This report supplements the report in the May LOG 2016. Thanks to the D-5 Team!



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IOBG Nautical Safety Foundation Delivers Over 500 Life Jackets

Teams Up with U.S. Distributing

IOBG Nautical Safety Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, partnered with U.S. Distributing (owned by Englands) to purchase and deliver over 500 life jackets this calendar year. These new life jackets were delivered to major water safety organizations throughout the Oregon area. OSMB enabled this project by providing a \$2500 grant to the IOBG Nautical Safety Foundation.

“It is very rewarding to see that a major local company, U.S. Distributing, sees the benefit in assisting us in providing life jackets to numerous kiosks throughout Oregon. The true benefit is in saving that one child’s life because the life jacket was there to use”, said Mike Kondrat, President of IOBG Nautical Safety Foundation. “We also thank the Oregon State Marine Board for the grant which enabled us to meet this year’s demands for life jackets”, continued Kondrat, “Without OMB’s help we would not have the funds to provide these jackets.”

These life jackets primarily replaced worn out, weathered and missing jackets at over 50 life jacket kiosks on major bodies of water in Oregon such as the Columbia, Willamette, Sandy, Clackamas and Rogue Rivers as well as Hagg Lake. We also support new kiosks being built during this year.



Jen Tonneson, OSMB, Mike Kondrat, Nautical Safety Foundation, David LaDouceur, Park Ranger, Jeff Sleight, U.S. Distributing, Bobbi Trout, Park Ranger, Bernard Klatte, Army Corps, Bill McKinney, IOBG,

“U.S. Distributing and Englands are very supportive of any effort that can save lives and are very impressed with the IOBG Nautical Safety Foundation’s efforts in getting these life jackets distributed where they are needed in such a timely manner”, said Jeff Sleight, U.S. Distributing Sales Manager. “We hope we can continue our relationship with IOBG Nautical Safety Foundation and support the numerous life jacket kiosks throughout our state.”

IOBG Nautical Safety Foundation has partnered with organizations like Safe Kids, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Boy Scouts of America, Daughters of Neptune and various County River Patrols for the past three years. The Foundation has delivered almost 1500 new and used life jackets to these organizations.



Eagle Scout Nathan Ronen at Dabney State Park Kiosk

“The Oregon Marine Board selected the IOBG Nautical Safety Foundation based upon their submitted proposal which identified a great need for life jackets to supplement the numerous life jacket kiosks on major waterways in Oregon. Partnering with U.S. Distributing allowed the IOBG Nautical Safety Foundation to exceed their proposals delivery commitments.” Said MariAnn McKenzie, OSMB Boater Education Coordinator.

About IOBG Nautical Safety Foundation:

Based in Portland Oregon, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization to provide local water safety organizations with much needed safety equipment such as life jackets.

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Districts

6,10,11,14,15,
16,19 & 21

Each of our Districts continues working hard growing membership and raising money for local charities and the international installation in October for President-Elect Rosalie Davis Green. On 5 June 2016 a wine tasting event was held in Long Beach at Navy Yacht Club by District 10 which was a lot of fun with over 90 attendees.

District 21 President Richard Price hosted Memorial Day weekend events for the opening day for Lake Arrowhead Yacht Club with some of our IOBG members. District 11 sponsored a membership appreciation Hawaiian luau with music at Pacifica Mariner Yacht Club. District 15 supported the IOBG Amazing Race Bike Team raising money for Make-A-Wish on May 14, 2016. District 19 held their Past Commodores Appreciation BBQ Cruise-in on 13-14 May 2016 at Delta Marina Yacht Harbor Rio Vista. District 14 upcoming event is the 5 Day Voyage Seaward trip on: June 13-18 to Sausalito-Drakes Bay. District 6 enjoys sailing on the Wednesday night races in Hawaii.

Attending wine tasting, golf tournaments and youth sailing scholarship fundraising events were a few of the quarter highlights.

IOBG southwestern area will co-sponsor the 2017 Marina del Rey mid-winters sailing event in Feb 2017 with South Bay Racing Yacht Club.

I attended the spring meeting in Portland and District 5 always host a nice meeting. District 5 continues their Nautical Safety Foundation Program "Save a Life-Give a Jacket". It would be wonderful for all our districts and in the IOBG Southwestern area to donate life jackets to the local program or California Safe Kids programs.

Continue the great work and enjoyment of IOBG.

District 6
Bill DeRego, District Director

District 6 has been very quiet so far in 2016. We had a difficult time to get a meeting of the board members due to traveling at various times in January and February. Finally in early March we set a date at Kaneohe Yacht Club.

In attendance was Bill DeRego-District Director, Ellis Abram-President, and Don Brown-Vice President. At the last minute Donna Salisbury-Secretary/Treasurer needed to cancel due a need to travel off island but give her blessing to continue in her absence.

We were able to finalize our three big events at years end. In October scheduling the nominations/elections at Kaneohe Yacht Club, November Installation/Meeting at Waikiki Yacht Club, and in December our Hawaii Commodores Association/IOBG Christmas Party at Hawaii Yacht Club.

We also discussed our involvement to Seafest in the fall. Seafest is an annual event to raise money for travel of Hawaii youth sailors to continental US regattas.

District 10
LaVon Plumlee, District Director

Our District 10 IOBG Crazy Fun Golf was held at Bixby Village Golf Course in Long Beach on Saturday, April 23rd. Fun for all was had for golfers and novice.

Our District 10 IOBG Wine Tasting Fundraiser featured wines from the San Clemente on Sunday, June 5th, from 2:00- 5:30 at NYCLB. In addition to wine tasting, we enjoyed vendor tables, 50/50 raffle, appetizers, music and more to raise funds for Rosalie Green President Elect International meeting. The event was very successful with over 90 guests

District 11
Susana Hernández Araico, District Director

At our installation brunch, held at Del Rey Yacht Club in Marina del Rey, on December 13, 2015 the following District 11 Officers were sworn in:

President and Alternate District Director:	Sheila Anderson
First Vice President:	Mary Ho
2 nd Vice President:	Charlene M. Perron
Secretary:	Dana Hutton
Treasurer & Supply Officer:	Allan P. Bertik (in absentia)
Web Master:	Otto Cenzano (in absentia);
Director, Humanitarian Foundation:	Julie Albright
Newsletter Editor:	Irving Bied (in absentia)
District Director:	Susana Hernández Araico

Our guest speaker for this event was Shawn Milligan, Southern California Yachting Association's 2016 Commodore. His informative and very stimulating presentation was enjoyed by all members present.

President Shelia Anderson called a board meeting on Wednesday, January 13, at Del Rey YC, where the 2016 calendar was worked out with plans for various activities throughout the year.

Since then District 11 officers have been participating in meetings chaired by International President-Elect Rosalie Green in preparation for the annual meeting coming up at the end of October at Marina del Rey.

President Shelia Anderson organized the first District 11 fundraiser for the national meeting at Port Royal Yacht Club on Sunday, January 17, which was very successful. President Anderson in particular contributed substantially to the organization of another fundraiser event at Santa Monica Windjammers in February for the benefit of October's national meeting.

March heralded Opening Day ceremonies at Marina del Rey on March 12-13, where Director Susana Hernández Araico inducted Junior Staff Commodores into District 11. On April 10, opening day ceremonies at King Harbor called for more inductions by Hernández Araico and also Anderson at Redondo Beach YC, King Harbor YC and also Port Royal YC. At Westlake Yacht Club, Hernández Araico inducted their new Junior Staff Commodore into IOBG.

Our membership roster currently includes 80 members, 5 more than last year at this time. Director Hernández Araico with the help of Treasurer Allan Bertik will continue to remind lapsed members to rejoin, especially as our annual meeting approaches.

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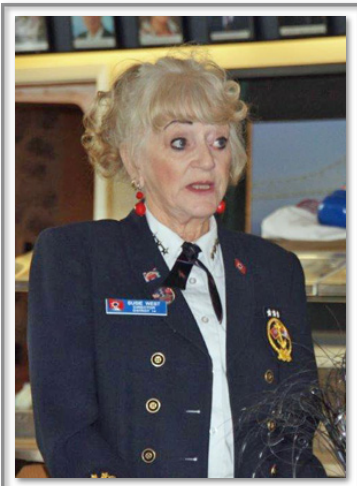
District 11 Report Continued...

On Saturday April 4, President Anderson organized the members' appreciation dinner at Pacific Mariners Yacht Club, with a Hawaiian theme that was fun for all. Members from various clubs, as far away as Westlake, attended.

The next board meeting on June 22, will survey plans for the rest of the year especially for the next fundraiser organized by President Shelia Anderson, an evening of rare films on America's Cups and early surfing, along with a pasta dinner. With Shawn Milligan as presenter of his own historical materials, the evening promises attract good attendance.

The summer will mean several "Windy Q's" for our District—bbq's outdoors at one of the district's yacht clubs or a board member's home.

All in all, this year our district has made progress with a larger board that both Director and President aim to lead to more involvement. Treasurer and Supply Officer Allan P. Bertik continues to prove invaluable with all his work. We are all looking forward to October and aim to work at our maximum capacity to contribute to the success of our national meeting where our own president-elect Rosalie Green will officiate.



District 14
Susie West, District Director



This year we are pleased to announce that two new members have stepped up to hold board positions for 2016. We have 6 new members for 2016 but we are still challenged on how to motivate members to take an active part in the organization.

District 14 encompasses approximately 38 IOBG Chapters that cover geographical counties from the Alameda County Bay Area, South Bay, East Bay, from San Francisco all the way to San Jose and Santa Clara. With such diversity and distance, it is challenging to bring these clubs together.

In 2015 our Board and I sent out over 250 personalized letters to yacht club Chapters and Past and Present Commodores in an effort to encourage both personal and Chapter interest. Director Marge and I followed up with phone calls, but we were not successful regardless of our efforts to embrace old and new members alike.

D14 held its first Member Appreciation Picnic and Membership Rally in August at Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda and attendance was fabulous. We plan to have the picnic again this year in September at the San Rafael Yacht Club.

We continue to raise monies and awareness for youth sailing scholarships and anniversary events like Opening Day on the Bay, the Humanitarian Foundation and support PICYA and RBOC.

I also maintain a website for D14 and it is slowly but surely gaining accessibility particularly with newer members that are more tuned into social media than many of us "mature" members who are not. We are still more successful with personal one on one contact.

District 15
Kathleen Jo Smith, District Director

On January 16 our IOBG leadership presented the annual Yacht Club Management Seminar. Open to all the area yacht club officers and potential officers, presentations on Finances, Legal Aspects, Human Relations, ABC Rules and Compliance, and Yacht Club Protocols are on the agenda. IOBGA holds their Spouses Seminar concurrently. These events are always well attended and informative in regard to the learning curve for yacht club leaders.



On March 12 IOBG District 15 held our Member Appreciation Barbecue at Coronado Cays Yacht Club. Members brought their own meat to put on the grill and a side dish to share. Though the day was cool and overcast, 50 members came out to enjoy the day and food. IOBG provided two drink tickets to each member, as an appreciation for their participation. Everyone had a great time!



May 14 was the annual Three Yacht Club's Amazing Race for the Make A Wish Foundation. IOBG fields a team in the bicycle race. District 15 Secretary Gregg Hansen heads up our team, and Treasurer Marshall Nemoy, and IOBGA Treasurer Dawn Shaffer are out there pedaling for Charity. Overall, the Amazing Race raised \$103,000, with our IOBG Team raising \$1,700. The event includes a lunch, Silent Auction, and Live Auction items.



District 15 Report Continued...

We are gearing up for our Inaugural Charity Regatta. Scheduled for September 24, The Race Your BoD Regatta will be hosted by Point Loma Yacht Club. The Trophy Awards Ceremony will be held during the after race party, with raffles and other proceeds going to support our selected charity, ElderHelp San Diego. Vice President Ned Knight is chairing this event.

We were very honored to have IOBG President Elect Rosalie Green in San Diego for the Opening Days at Silver Gate Yacht Club and Southwestern Yacht Club. As we have now concluded the Opening Day Season, we are starting to plan for our next Change of Watch Ceremony on October 15.

District 19

Sandee Clark, District Director

Delta District 19 is having another very busy and productive year. We currently have 148 members in our district.

Our 2016 year started with the Change of Watch on November 7, 2015 at Stockton Yacht Club. There were over 70 people in attendance welcoming the new 2016 officers including Director Sandee Clark, President Roger Beebe, Vice President Lucy Anthony, Secretary David Breninger, and Treasurer David Camp.

In February we had a joint Induction and General Meeting with District 14 at Pittsburgh Yacht Club. District 19 inducted eight (8) new members. District 14 inducted four (4) new members. Over 80 people were in attendance for the occasion.

In May we had our Commodores Appreciation BBQ at Delta Marina Yacht Harbor. Bill Wells joined us for lunch. He authors the Delta Rat Scrapbook for the Bay and Delta Yachtsman Magazine and is a newly installed member of IOBG District 14. We had seven boats cruise in and 55 people enjoyed a wonderful delta afternoon picnic.

August we will be at Stockton Yacht Club for our nominations and general meeting.

September we will be at Bridge Marina Yacht Club for our elections and general meeting.

It has been my privilege to be the Director of Delta District 19 this past year and I'm looking forward to many years of fun activities and fellowship with other like-minded boaters.

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The publication of these rosters, addresses and telephone numbers on any computer on-line service including the Internet is prohibited by the 1974 Privacy Act.

North Central V.P.
Mark Vadaj



Districts
7, 9, 23 & 25

After a slow start to the Spring weather the Districts of 7, 9, 23 and 25 are in full swing of the boating season.

It is stated that boaters in the MidWest use their boats more on average than boaters in warmer climates. I believe this to be true, we somehow squeeze 12 months of boating into 4 months, (24/7). And yes, we do have blue water, palm trees and white sandy beaches. All seems to be well with this area.

Each District is operating to its full potential as both a District as well as a cooperative effort between the Districts. This validates the philosophy of "The sum is greater than the whole of its parts". Over the next several months District 7, 9, 23 and 25 will join together in several events to produce outstanding functions bigger and better than what they can do on their own. Including but not limited to Memorial Day ceremonies, barbecues, cocktail parties, rendezvous, membership drives, wine tastings and more.

Please see the individual reports from the District Vice Presidents attached as they work very hard towards the success of their District. I personally invite you to attend an event within your district and encourage you to attend a function in another district while traveling. I can personally assure you that all are welcome.

Along with supporting each District, our Districts also have cooperative relationships with other yachting organizations such as Inter-Lake Yachting Association and Greater Cleveland Boating Association. This helps to strengthen our foundation and expand our footprint. Please join me in saluting the men and women of the North Central Area for their continued contribution and their commitment to "Yachting Most Prestigious Fraternity"

District 50
Mark A. Vadaj, District Director

We are not only reaching out to all of our legacy members within District 50 but after much effort and over a long period of time we are successful at attracting legacy members who wish to continue their membership but have relocated to an area where there is no active Chapter or District.

Last year we were successful at re-establishing membership in the greater Boston area. This year we should be successful within the great state of Maine. We sincerely hope that this trend continues and we welcome our newest and or new legacy members from New England to the Buffalo Conference in August.

The best way to accomplish this goal is through our current members reaching out to any and all Past Commodores and also Past Commodore organizations. Our primary goal is IOBG membership retention and secondary by transitioning them into an active Chapter and District. I hope that any and all of our members can feel comfortable to call or email me to support this effort. Please share the Blue Gavel LOG newsletter and show Past Commodores what they are missing. I welcome your contribution.

Mark A. Vadaj – Director, District 50.

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District 7
Warren Dempster, District Director

The District 7 board has been very busy with not only our own events, but events that we participate in with both the Greater Cleveland Boating Association and the Inter Lake Yachting Association. Our President Rich Mckee was invited to speak aboard the USS Cod, a WWII submarine permanently docked in Cleveland Harbor during the GCBA's annual Memorial Day Ceremony in which we honor both our military members and yacht club members who have passed away since last Memorial Day. District 7 also provides a cocktail party for the GCBA at their Rendezvous in Huron, Ohio coming up in a few weeks. In August, along with Districts 9 & 25, we sponsor a cocktail party at the I-LYA Powerboat Regatta held at Put in Bay, Ohio. These two events are just a few of our efforts at introducing members of the many yacht clubs that surround Lake Erie to the IOBG.

We have been fortunate to welcome 14 new members to District 7 in 2016. Our Blue Blazer event in March has been a successful recruiting tool and we already have commitments from current Commodores who attended this event, to join the IOBG at the end of their terms this fall.

Plans are well underway here to welcome the IOBG back to Cleveland in October of 2017 for the annual meeting and ball. In the meantime, we look forward to this year's meeting and ball in California.

In closing, I would like to thank the Humanitarian Fund committee for supporting Lake County Yacht Club in their donation to the Len Anderson/Dean Palmer fund. This event allows people who are disabled a great opportunity to go out on Lake Erie for a boat ride and a great cookout. A big thank you to the members of the Lake County Y.C. Blue Gavel chapter and the members of the Lake County Y.C. for donating their time and boats for this event.

Please have a safe and enjoyable summer and we will see you in Buffalo.

District 25
Jim Cyrowski, District Director

As this boating season gets underway in earnest, I will update you on the exciting activities we have planned.

We just recently held a membership meeting at Great Lakes Steel Boat Club. It was well attended, and we updated some procedures and policies that will have a positive effect on our District. Afterwards a nice casual lunch was put on, hosted by our president Bill Woods and his wife Connie.

On Sunday, June 26, 1400 hours, District 25 hosted a Cocktail Party at Great Lakes Steel BC. District 25, 9, and 7, their Past and Current Commodores, and their Mates were all invited. Plus, the current VC, RC, and their Mates are also invited from those Districts.

In the upcoming months we also are planning a Wine Tasting, and a BBQ. Of course, we are all looking forward to the I-LYA Regatta at PIB. On Saturday, August 13th, at PIBYC, our three Districts are hosting a Cocktail Reception. We are very proud to have the current Commodore of I-LYA Chris Amlin, a PC from Sun Parlour BC. Hope to see you all there!

Southeastern V.P.
“Buzz” Bisanz



Districts
8 & 18

I attended the District 8 Summer Meeting held at the Gulf Harbors Yacht Club in New Port Richey, Florida on May 20 and 21, 2016. Attendance was good and the facility was great. We had special guests in attendance including Joe Dowdell, IOBG President, Past SE Area VP John Button and past District 8 Director and Author of “Yachting Customs and Courtesies” Joe Tringali.

In my report to District 8 I reviewed the upcoming national meeting information for Buffalo, Marina del Rey and the 2017 Annual meeting in the Cleveland area.

The follow-up was provided on the upcoming release of the new IOBG Information brochure. President Joe Dowdell also gave a presentation on the contents for the brochure.

During this meeting I was able to personally present an IOBG Humanitarian Foundation check for \$600 representing 3 individual scholarships to the Directors of the Gulf Harbors Yacht Club’s Youth Sailing Program.



From left to right, Robert P. Buzz Bisanz - Board of Directors member for IOBG Humanitarian Foundation, Mike and Bev Ross – Gulf Harbors Yacht Club Youth Sailing Program Directors and Karen Shea - IOBG District Director - District 8 (FL)

District 8 now has a total membership of 227 members in 25 Chapters across the state of Florida. To boost the communication to our IOBG members I suggested and the D8 officers assign to themselves the active Chapters in the District and begin contacting their assigned Chapter on multiple occasions throughout the year. Each officer will retain the Chapters assigned to them throughout their tenure as an officer in the District adding consistency in the communications to the Chapters. It is anticipate that the communications will provide an increase in the District’s membership and strengthen the retention of our membership.

We will also be assigning to the officers (2nd VP thru Past President) up to 5 additional nonmember Clubs targeted for renewal or creation of an IOBG Chapter. We all are looking forward to the success of these efforts.

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SEAVP Report Continued...

In the Southeast area, District 8 Director – Karen Shea and District 8 Treasurer Dennis Bosi have been doing an excellent job of creating and tracking on an Excel spreadsheet the listing of all IOBG members in the District. The list also includes the non member Club names, addresses and other contact information. All the updates are current and the spreadsheet has been published to the District Officers. Shaun Graser – District 8 President along with the District leadership team consisting of Peter Franck, Doug Case, Bob Pease, Heather Wood, Dennis Bosi, Bill Pittman, Rosemary Krieger and Karen Shea all continue to work diligently on communication with the District Chapters and IOBG membership. Congratulations to them all.

In District 18, President Dave Kowert continues the uphill battle of gaining membership within the area of Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina. As his efforts continue we can look forward to the South rising again. Dave, keep up the good work.

At the District 8 meeting at Gulf Harbors Yacht Club, I wrapped up my report to District 8 membership by reminding them of the purpose of the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation:

Foundation was founded in 1992 in San Diego. The Foundation supports Boating Education for Youth Sailing programs, Life Jackets for Safety, Sail Ability programs and scholarships relating to boating and sailing education programs. We need your support! Reference the IOBG web site at IOBG-HF.org.

District 8
Karen Shea, District Director

In my March 2016 report I stated it is a continuing challenge to maintain membership and to grow our organization. It requires regular and timely communication. The concepts identified in the IOBG reference material for the past 10 years are: Retention, Recruitment, Recognition and Support. It is very important to focus on recruitment and retention and to increase the number of new IOBG chapters and members-at-large along with working with non-participating chapters to renew their memberships.







To date, in order to identify yacht club's for recruitment, I have compiled a spreadsheet with 58 Florida Yacht Clubs who have an IOBG Charter, 24 of which are active and 7 have closed their doors or no longer have water access like San Jose YC for a total of 27 IOBG Chartered Chapters which are not active. I sent out personalized letters to all of them asking them to rejoin the IOBG.

I have received two positive responses, one from Punta Gorda Boat Club in Charlotte Harbor, along with continued conversation with Bradenton YC and Landings YC. All are wanting to reestablish their Chapters in the Fall. In addition, I've added 7 yacht clubs that are members of FCYC but do not have an IOBG Charter. Letters will go out by the end of this month.

My intention over the summer is to also add 30 Florida Yacht Clubs that are members of the Yachting Club of America (YCA) but do not have IOBG Charters and send out letters asking them to join. Also, I intend to send this spreadsheet out to all D8 IOBG members asking them if they visit any of these yacht clubs that are not IOBG members to give them our information to any Past Commodore or ask for a name, email and phone number, so I can follow up.

This IOBG D8 Florida Yacht Club spreadsheet is important because I have established a consolidated list of Florida Yacht Clubs with name, address, phone number, email, website, what associations they are members of and dates of IOBG Charters and the date and form of last communication. I've taken all of Second Vice President Bud Higginson's information since 2013 and added it to this spreadsheet. It contains substantial information that can be passed on and improved upon. I believe all of this will help in the continued growth of the Florida D8 IOBG. I look forward to enclosing a new IOBG brochure when complete.

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International Order of the Blue Gavel Auxiliary

President Sandi Durieux

Hello Fellow Auxiliary Members,

Auxiliary continues to be dedicated to helping our districts, and in conjunction with the main body, promoting both IOBG and IOBGA.

District 1 has Cash for Kids, underprivileged kids fishing on the water for a fun day.

District 15 held a boating seminar for spouses of yacht club officers and board members. They also have started a Facebook page to keep everyone informed what district 15 is doing.

District 25 is holding a wine tasting and pasta dinner. They are also holding a reception for all past commodores, commodores, vice commodores, rear commodores from Districts 7, 9, and 28.

District 7 held its annual Blue Blazer, getting several past commodores to join that evening. They also have many special events, including marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, which has swelled to 150 participants. Good fundraiser.



IOBGA has suffered losses. Past International President Mary Gallagher, Hope McLeod & past District 7 President Jerry Dunn passed away. They will be sorely missed.

In Remembrance...Hope McLeod, 2005 International Auxiliary President



District 1 IOBGA
Gretchen Emerson, President

Once again I would like to thank my 2016 Board for their wonderful support.

Regional Director Mike Meyers - Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma
President Gretchen Emerson – Tacoma Outboard Association
Vice President Shelly Kester – Kingston Cove Yacht Club
Treasurer Laurie Martinson – Tacoma Outboard Association
Historian John Gordon – West Seattle Yacht Club
Sunshine Chairman – Lee Lightle – West Seattle Yacht Club

The 2015 District 1 Spring meeting was hosted by Yakima Valley Boat Club and Mary McCollum did an amazing job putting it all together. The weather was great and the meeting's raffle made money for our Cast for Kids, Make-a-Wish and Wishing Star foundations. Once again our very own artesian, John Gordon, donated this beautiful wood pieces for a silent auction and we did very well for our charities...thank you John!

We were able to accomplish some very important items in the meeting and ideas for changes in our Mission Statement.

Please notify Sunshine Chairperson Lee Lightle if you know of anyone (both IOBG & IOBGA) who could use a card or support from us.

Saturday afternoon a group of us had lunch & visited a charming winery and Saturday night was a wonderful dinner, dance & raffle for all the beautiful baskets donated by the boating clubs.

Our summer picnic was held on July 16 & 17 at LaConner, Washington and the Fall Meeting and Change of Watch will be held on September 16 & 17, 2016 at Hells Canyon Boat Club.

Hope to see you all there...Have a great summer...

District 15 IOBGA
Audrey Hall, President

When we had the change of watch in October 2015, our board held a jewelry fundraiser for Elder Help San Diego. With the help of IOBG and IOBGA we raised over \$800.

Our 2016 board is President Audrey Hall, Vice President Grace Hansen, Treasurer Dawn Nemoj & Secretary Marybeth Thayer.

In January along with the IOBG we had our annual seminar for the spouses of yacht club officers and board members. This seminar was well received due to all the information put together by our board members.

On March 23 we held a jewelry fundraiser along with the ladies luncheon in Mission Bay Yacht Club. With all the enthusiasm we raised over \$500 for Elder Help San Diego.

We had another jewelry event on July 9, held again at Mission Bay Yacht Club. This event was an evening event with music and great food. We were able to raise more than \$500 for Elder Help San Diego.

My personal goal this year was to raise over \$2,000 and with the help of a great board we are almost there. We have one more event in October and we should go over that amount. All the jewelry has been donated from all our district's ladies and gentleman. This makes it even more special to us.

The IOBG District Director Kathy Smith along with the IOBGA First Vice President Gary Smith started a Facebook page. Many of our events with pictures are available for everyone to view. District 15 is enjoying all the camaraderie that goes with the organization.



IOBG Humanitarian Foundation

PATRON OF THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM

IOBGHF launched a program to provide special recognition to contributors who donate \$100 or more. Each contributor will be awarded a distinctive "Action for Life" pin which signifies their status as a patron of the foundation.

"The International Order of the Blue Gavel Humanitarian Foundation provides the boating community the ability to create real differences in others' lives. The foundation provides resources to existing charities and benefits communities through new initiatives involving boating activities and education."

This is the Mission Statement of the Humanitarian Foundation.

IOBG Humanitarian Foundation



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