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From the President

by Richard Janiszewski

In the December 2007 Log, I expressed my vision and my theme for 2008—"Yes We Can, For We Are One."

While I believe we have experienced progress in recent years, unfinished business remains and I know you expect us to address these matters. I have begun the process. At our February 2008 Regional Meeting, your Executive Committee met on Friday, February 8th and again on Saturday February 9th. You should know that its agenda was lengthy and diversified. The IOBG LOG and our clothing supplier programs were discussed to assure their cost effectiveness and the degree to which each meets International District/Chapter and member expectations. In general, some changes were agreed to while other changes continue to be considered and will be shortly finalized.

Several new programs were presented by me and discussed. The Executive Committee approved each initiative and requested they be fully detailed and placed on the June Regional Meeting agenda. The programs included a "Value Added" initiative, the objective of which is to provide an array of perks available to our members at the discretion. New and improvements to existing by-laws were presented, discussed, refined and will be placed on the next executive committee agenda for final disposition. You may expect to be informed of the final status and all specific changes on all matters once they are finalized.

In addition to the above activities, there are also matters of an on-going nature that by there very make up need continuous reinforcement. These include, but are not limited to: improving both upward and downward communications; involvement, effective listening, cooperation and team work, etc. A recent situation, for example, probably could have been significantly mitigated if involved parties communicated more effectively, listened more effectively, and committed to work together in earnest to address their differences. I believe these options continue to exist in this matter and that issues can be resolved satisfactorily.

Let me touch on the matters of communications and involvement. Several hours of each International meeting is set aside for all participants to air constructively matters of concern and matters of opportunity. At the just held winter meeting, Past President Phil Arms chaired an open discussion session focused on "Opportunities for Improvement." The recommendations, including corrective actions provided by each group of participants will be formalized and provided to the Executive Committee for discussion at the next Executive Committee meeting. I will comment on the matter in the next LOG issue. However, I believe more is needed. An uninterrupted flow of member "voices" will enable our organization to thrive and grow strong. There are many avenues to be "heard." Begin by attending as many of your Chapter meetings as possible. Blue Gavel Districts have several meetings a year—attend as many as you can. District/Chapters need your involvement, your ideas and your support. District Directors and Officers will make the voice of their Chapters heard to Area Vice Presidents, and by their attendance at International Regional meetings to their contemporaries; members at large, and the International Executive Committee. All Blue Gavel members, by the way, are welcome to attend any or all of our regional meetings. If for whatever reason you feel none of the above is appropriate, you may always e-mail me directly on our IOBG website - www.iobg.org. I would be pleased to hear from you.



From the President Elect by Jerry Rudd

Thank you, thank you District 14 and 19 for the good weather and great time.

Lots of hard work went on in the workshops and with the Executive Committee meetings that went from 9 am to 6 pm. Good ideas and communications, I hope everyone went away with something they can try in their local Chapters.

We are always looking for members who would like to express and share their ideas, therefore if you are interested in one of the appointed positions, please email me and let me know which one.

Just a Big Reminder...the 2008 Annual Meeting is getting closer and my committee is working hard to make it an event to be remembered. Besides the workshops, interesting speakers, lunch and dinners, we have planned entertaining evenings for you also. If you have decided to spend a few extra days before or after the Annual Meeting there are several interesting places for site seeing. Don't forget the Pre-Meeting Excursion to Vancouver and Victoria, Canada, that Mary Eiffert has put together. The excursion registration form follows this article.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

**Submitted by
Past President Carol Promessi
Committee Chairman**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with our by-laws, to all members, that the IOBG Nominating Committee for 2008 consists of Chairman, Past President Carol Promessi, President Richard Janiszewski, and President Elect Jerry Rudd.

The Nominating Committee will consider nominations sent to each member of the Committee by any IOBG member in good standing, who wishes to be considered for an elected office. Any person wishing consideration for an elected office is required to submit his or her request in writing to each member of this committee in time for consideration by the Portland Regional Meeting on June 5, 2008.

Persons requesting an appointed office for 2008 should send their letter to President Elect, Jerry Rudd.

This Committee will meet at the Spring Regional Meeting in Portland, Oregon and will make its final report of Nominations for Officers to be elected for 2009 at the August Regional Meeting in Long Island, NY.

International Order of the Blue Gavel

PRE - 2008 Annual Meeting EXCURSION

Vancouver-Victoria, Canada

October 18-21, 2008



\$503.00 per person, Double Occupancy

\$756.75 per person, Single Occupancy

- Day 1** 6:45 am at King Street Station Amtrack Cascades
Arrive Vancouver approx. 11:40 am – dining car available for cash purchase of breakfast
Motorcoach transfer to hotel
Afternoon on own
(Working on dinner at a yacht club)
- Day 2** 9:00 am motorcoach transfer to Victoria via BC ferries
(includes Vancouver City tour, ferry tolls, admission to Butchart Gardens)
Transfer to hotel
- Day 3** Sightseeing on own (book a tour, i.e. Tea at Empress Hotel, BC Museum—recommended, etc.
(Working on dinner at a yacht club – either Day 2 or 3)
- Day 4** Sightseeing on own
5:00 pm checkin and immigrations processing at Victoria Clipper Terminal
Depart at 6:00, arriving Seattle approx. 8:45 pm
Light dinner basket included on board

All tolls, transportation, hotels, and taxes are included. **More info and name of hotels will follow.** Deposit of 10% due on registration, full payment due prior to September 1, 2008. All confirmed hotel packages are subject to a 10% cancellation fee. Cancellations received and acknowledged within 45-31 days prior to travel will result in a penalty of 50%. I strongly recommend cancellation insurance, call 1-800-729-6021 for details.

Each passenger must carry proper identification for clearing Customs!!

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From the First Vice President

by Ray Thompson

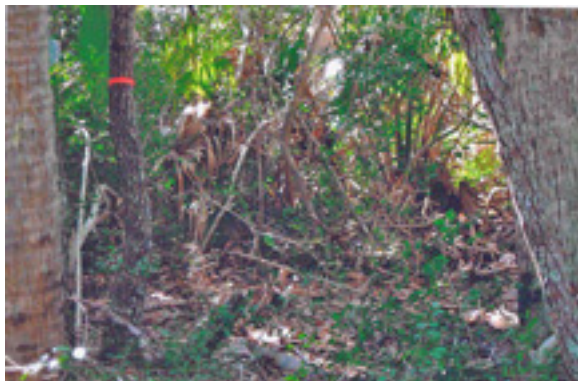
Palm Coast Yacht Club Adopts Two ICW Islands

In cooperation with Washington Oaks Gardens and Faver Dykes State Parks, the Palm Coast Yacht Club has adopted two islands located on the Intracoastal Waterway in Flagler and St. John Counties, Florida. Lying within the Guana Tolmato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve, Mellon Island is across from Summer Haven and Jordan Island is across from Marineland. The islands were acquired by the Florida Park Service through the Florida Communities Trust Preservation 2000 Program and donations by the Mellon family. Now under public ownership, the islands are preserved and protected from future development, and provide recreational opportunities to the boating community.

Under the direction of Washington Oaks Gardens personnel, Palm Coast Yacht Club members first received boat operation and trailer procedural training from the State. After that, the Club's island stewardship project is on-going and includes trash collection, picnic area and campsite installation and maintenance, exotic plant removal and clearing, developing and maintaining nature trails. Monthly excursions to the islands are led by Commodore Bill Sulser.



Palm Coast YC member volunteers "Getting It Done"



Mellon Island Under-Brush prior to clearance and nature trail development



Mellon Island with clearance completed and nature trail and picnic tables added.



Dedication Plaque installed, the Palm Coast Yacht Club's work crew is now scheduled for a monthly maintenance and trash removal regimen.

From the Second Vice President



As your new 2nd Vice President, this is how I see it. Why are you here? You are here because you got into boating. Why did you get into boating? You got into boating to have FUN. If you got into boating for any other reason you don't belong here.

So, why aren't we having fun at our meetings? It is time to stop sweating the small stuff. It is time to re-connect to the people and things we like and get rid of the things we don't like. We are not dead. We need to live .

Today we are the product of the past, but we need to look to the future. We will keep the traditions that have stood the test of time, that makes this organization what it is today. Move out the things that are not congruent with the present and be willing to put into place the things that will work today and in the future.

Why did we get into boating? We got into boating to have FUN. So let's start having FUN with our organization. During my tenure in the line offices of IOBG, my theme will be: "Follow Your Rainbow"

Remember, as a kids, we were always happy to see a rainbow. In fact, we were told that there is a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. And how many times, when we saw the end of the rainbow hitting the ground, did we run over to where it was and looked for the pot of gold?

Why have I picked the the theme of Follow Your Rainbow? The answer is simple. We - IOBG - are like the rainbow. Let me explain...a rainbow is a band of colors due to the reflection and refraction of its light. That describes IOBG very well. We - IOBG - are a band of people and yacht clubs. WE reflect the boating image to the society we live in. We refract the conditions of the boating community; meaning, we can change directions to do what is best for our boaters.

So, what do I see for my - our - Rainbow in the coming years? I see that we will continue to reflect a positive image to the boaters and to the community in which we live, work and play. We will work to have better and timely communications with our members. Keep them informed of what is happening within our government that will affect the recreational boater. We will work to have more of our members involved in IOBG activities. We will work to have more FUN with boating and social activities, so we can get to know and understand one another.

So, from this point on, Negativity is OUT. Positive thoughts, ideas and events are IN.

Now, let's go have FUN !

From the Office of the Treasurer

by Marshall Nemoy



As Treasurer I am very used to being the person who has to tell the bad news as well as the good news. The Treasurer's Report presented to the Executive Committee at its Regional meeting February at the Encinal Yacht Club in Oakland, California was as of December 31, 2007 and the year then ended. In effect, it was the annual financial report.

For the year ended December 31, 2007 IOBG lost \$4,962 which was \$2,356 more than last year. The main areas that were greater than the previous year were postage (\$1,001) and printing (\$3,803). Everybody's favorite subject, travel, was \$820 less than the previous year. Total revenues were down by \$991. With savings in other areas total expenses were only \$1,331 greater than last year. Since the printing and postage involved vital communications with IOBG members, the Executive Committee believed it was necessary to dip into our cash reserves.

Our balance sheet still remains strong with 93.56% of our assets being in cash. When we take away the liability for the District 18 funds held in trust and the 2008 dues collected in advance, we still have 79.97% of our assets in cash or cash equivalents. The collection of dues in advance was \$10 less than the same date in 2006.

The long overdue increase of \$10 in dues for 2008 adopted by the Board of Directors last October is expected to provide sufficient funds for operations in 2008.

Membership statistics as of January 31, 2008 showed 852 members had paid dues with more dues coming in every day. This is 6 members greater than last year after reducing the 2007 amount for District 8 who withheld dues until after the February meeting this year. Essentially dues receipts are on track with last year.

Please feel free to contact the International Operations Center for a free copy of the complete Treasurer's report.

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Legal Officer Report

by George C. Knies



February 2008

Our February Regional meeting in Oakland California hosted by Districts 14 and 19 epitomized 'team spirit' that resulted in a successful and most appreciated business and social event.

Districts 14 and 19 are adjacent to one another, D-14 encompassing the South, Central, North and East Bays of San Francisco and environs: D-19 encompassing a vast Delta Region East of the San Francisco Bay Area. There has always been an interaction of activities and most important cooperation between D-14 and D-19. Many of D-14 members will cruise to the Delta, sometimes leaving their vessels there for months at a time. Our February Regional meeting saw vessels from D-14 and D-19 participating in our Friday luncheon cruise from Encinal Yacht Club to the Golden Gate Bridge. Great weather, good company and gracious hosts joined together for a most successful excursion.

Due to changing economic times surface and water travel has been adversely influenced by rising fuel costs. Surface travel has also been influenced by increasing travel time due to traffic congestion, rising toll costs and utter frustration. These factors have generated an overall stay-at-home attitude, i.e. a "Stay-at-home Yacht Club cruise-in." These stay at home cruise-ins provide the opportunity for the usual social activities, but in addition offer the opportunity for water safety activities such as the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and Power Squadron Vessel Safety Checks, etc.

Our Chapters and our clubs have experienced a substantial decrease in surface and water cruise-in activity from visiting chapters and clubs. The overall result of the aforementioned negative influences has led to the decline of Chapter activity and attendance as well as the formation of club Past Commodore Groups/Associations. Hopefully energetic implementation of our current marketing plan will garner productive recruiting results and increase our ranks.

I have been a meeting planner for more than 20 years, some of which have been International, five-day events involving Government, Military and Corporate (both foreign and domestic), attendees from more than 25 Nations. Over the years conduct at the social functions of these meetings has deteriorated to a point that in some instances caused concern and embarrassment to many attendees. Intoxication, wild boisterous behavior and abusive treatment of hosting event volunteers and employees constitute an abhorrent breach of civility.

In light of complaints of rude and socially unacceptable conduct, as well as conduct in violation of organization rules not in keeping with the best interest and efficient operation of the IOBG as bearing on a member's suitability for continued membership in the International Order of the Blue Gavel, a long overdue IOBG "Code of Conduct" bylaw article is being formulated.

I am pleased to report that issues of concern mentioned in the previous edition of The Log have reached just and amiable conclusions.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions in this regard or any other issues of IOBG interest now or in the future.

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Spring Regional Meeting

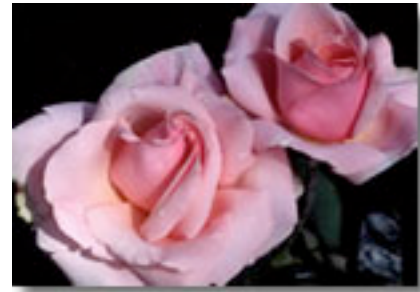
Schedule of Events

June 5 - 8, 2008



June 7, Thursday

- 8:15 Buses Pick up IOBG/IOBGA Executive Committee
- 9:00 IOBG/IOBGA Executive Committee Mtg (CRYC)
- 11:00 Buses depart for Columbia River YC for General Meeting
- 11:30 Lunch at Columbia River YC- Pay at Club-\$12.00
- 1:00 IOBG/IOBGA General Meeting
- 4:00 Transportation back to Double Tree Hotel
- 5:30 Bus to Multnomah Channel YC-Dinner approx. \$20.00



June 8, Friday

- 8:30 – 9:00 Buses leave for Knighting ceremony
Washington Park Amphitheater
- 10:00 ROYAL ROSARIAN KNIGHTING CEREMONY
Washington Park Amphitheater
- 11:30 Buses return to Double Tree Hotel
- 1:00 - 4:00 Hospitality Suite – Presid.Suite 14th Floor 5:00
Buses depart to Portland Yacht Club
Cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres and BBQ Dinner
Pay at Club - \$20.00
- Or
5:30 Fun Night with the Rosarians
See Schedule of events brochure

June 9, Saturday

- 8:30 MAX (Lightrail) free to Coliseum for Float viewing, Queen's Coronation & Grand Floral Parade
Coronation of the 2008 Rose Festival Queen
Preferred seating at Memorial Coliseum
- 10:00 GRAND FLORAL PARADE
After Parade - MAX (Lightrail) for return to the Double Tree Hotel
- 1:00 - 4:00 Hospitality Suite-Presid.Suite, 14th Flr
- 6:00 GRAND FLORAL BALL "Knights with the Stars"
Festival Formal or Black Tie
Multnomah/Holladay Ballroom

June 10, Sunday

- 8:30 Farewell Breakfast

International Order of the Blue Gavel

June 5-8, 2008

Spring Regional Meeting



Hosted by District #5

	<u>No. of Persons</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
Thursday, June 5			
Bus departs from Double Tree at 8:15 AM (IOBG/IOBGA Executive Committee)	_____	\$20.00 per person	\$ _____
Bus departs from Double Tree at 11:00 AM (IOBG/IOBGA General Membership)	_____	\$20.00 per person	\$ _____

Note* Bus transportation cost is round trip per day/per person

Dress of the Day: Summer Uniform i.e. Blue Blazer, White Shirt, Slacks, Socks & Shoes, IOBG Tie

Columbia River Yacht Club

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM		IOBG & IOBGA Executive Committee Meetings	
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Lunch		_____	\$12.00 \$ _____
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM		IOBG & IOBGA General Meeting	
4:00 PM		Transportation back to Double Tree Hotel	
5:30 PM		Buses leave for Multnomah Channel Yacht Club. Dinner cost - approx. \$20.00	

Friday, June 6

Please refer to Royal Rosarian's Activities Schedule

Bus departs from Double Tree at 5:00 PM _____ \$20.00 per person \$ _____


Note* Bus transportation cost is round trip per day/per person

Portland Yacht Club

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres

7:00 PM Casual Outdoor Barbeque Dress is casual

Steak or Marinated Chicken Breast, Salad Bar, Baked Potatoes with all the toppings, Warm Bread and for dessert - the famous make-your-own sundae with a big selection of toppings, including Northwest berries.

	Chicken _____	\$20.00	\$ _____
	Steak _____	\$20.00	\$ _____
	TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED:		\$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "IOBG District 5" AND SEND THE RESERVATION FORM TO:

A-Net Crawford
IOBG District 5 Events Coordinator
7639 NW Blue Pointe lane Portland, OR 97229
503-296-7948

District Number _____ Office Held _____

NAME _____ SPOUSE/GUEST _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ PHONE () _____

The International Order of the Blue Gavel
The Royal Rosarian Rose Festival Weekend
Hotel Reservations

DoubleTree Hotel – Lloyd Center

1000 NE Multnomah

Portland, OR 97232

503-281-6111

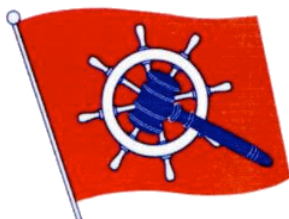
Please call the hotel to make your own reservations and ask for the Royal Rosarian Room Bookings #RR 9 to receive special room rates.

The room rates are \$117.00 - \$127.00 plus tax.

The hotel will sell out. Reserve your room now.

Reservations received by the hotel after May 6, 2008 will be accepted on a space available basis at prevailing hotel room rates.

For more information, please contact:



THE ROYAL ROSARIANS
Attn: Gayle Whitehurst, Chair
Royal Rosarian Hospitality
28580 SW Petes Mountain Road
West Linn, OR 97068



Phone: 503-635-5568

Cell phone: 503-806-4182

email: edsonw@easystreet.net

PORTLAND YACHT CLUB



2008 is the 100th Anniversary of Portland Yacht Club and they are pleased to be hosting the Friday evening IOBG dinner. They want you to enjoy their club, meet some of their members, and renew your friendships from around the Northwest and the country over a casual, but excellent meal.

Portland Yacht Club overlooks their marina and the Columbia River from large windows inside the club or from the expansive patio just outside the dining room doors. Weather permitting, the French doors will be open, blurring the line between inside and out.

Friday evening is the first race of the Centennial Regatta weekend, so you will be able to visit with some of their sailors after the race.

The Royal Rosarian Rose Festival Weekend

Registration and Ticket Order Form



Early registration discount expires May 2, 2008
 All registrations must be received by May 30, 2008
Registrations must include payment



PACKET PRICING

Includes: Hospitality Room, Fun Night, Grand Floral Ball, Farewell Breakfast and transportation for Knighting Ceremony.

Couple	\$275 per couple x	# _____ =	\$ _____
Single	\$140 per person x	# _____ =	\$ _____
Packet Price AFTER May 2	\$295 per couple / \$155 per single	=	\$ _____

ALA CARTE PRICING

Hospitality Suite for 3 days	\$45 per person x	# _____ =	\$ _____
Hospitality Suite One Day Only	\$25 per person x	# _____ =	\$ _____
Fun Night "Rock N' Roll" with Dinner	\$50 per person x	# _____ =	\$ _____
Fun Night "Rock N' Roll" w/o Dinner	\$30 per person x	# _____ =	\$ _____
Grand Floral Ball	\$70 per person x	# _____ =	\$ _____
Farewell Breakfast	\$25 per person x	# _____ =	\$ _____

TICKETS FOR EVENTS NOT INCLUDED IN PACKET PRICE

Queen's Garden Party (Friday)	\$33 per person x	# _____ =	\$ _____
Grand Floral Parade/Coronation (Saturday)	\$28 per person x	# _____ =	\$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

Grand Floral Parade tickets are available as an Ala Carte item until May 23rd. Parade tickets can be purchased after May 23rd by calling 1-877-789-7673, subject to availability and handling charges. The parade can be viewed for free, 5 blocks from the hotel, along the parade route.

NAME _____ Spouse _____

Street Address _____ Phone _____

City/State/Zip _____

Organization _____ Title _____

Please indicate you Grand Floral Ball dinner choice(s):

Rib-Eye Steak _____ **Halibut** _____ **Mushroom Ravioli** _____

NOTE: If you have special needs due to a physical disability, dietary restrictions, etc. please attach a note and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Send this completed Registration Form to:

THE ROYAL ROSARIANS
Attn: Shirley Sagerser, Registration Chair
P.O. Box 6915
Portland, OR 97228-6915



U.S. Sailing/IOBG Representative

by Bill Thayer

The International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Council has decided on ten sailing events for the 2012 Olympic Games: One Person Dingy, Men; One Person Dingy Heavy, Men; Two Person Dingy, Men; Two Person Dingy High Performance, Men; Windsurfer, Men; Keelboat, Men; One Person Dingy, Women; Two Person Dingy, Women; Keelboat Match Racing, Women; Windsurfer, Women.

The selection of events is subject to final confirmation from the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

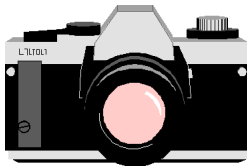
The 2007 Annual Appeal for Youth Sailing was within 26% of its goal of \$75,000 as of 12 December. The last minute push was on and the last word was success.

January 2008 kicked off a flurry of symposiums and seminars starting with the National Sailing Symposium in St. Petersburg, Florida and continuing with Safety at Sea, Race Management and Advanced Race Management throughout the US. Seminars, Symposiums and Instruction are the areas mostly filled by volunteers of which many are Past Commodores and members of IOBG.

Jeff Linton of Tampa, Florida and Sally Barkow of Nashotah, Wisconsin are US Sailing's 2007 Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the Year. They will receive their awards at a luncheon at the New York Yacht Club.

Young San Diego Sailor Katherine Pogue won the US Sailing Poster and Event Logo Design contest for the 2008 USA Junior Olympic Sailing festivals programs.

Thank You to Our Contributing LOG Photographers:



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LOG Minutes

The Executive Committee, in response to suggestions to reduce the publishing cost of the Blue Gavel LOG, has decided not to print the Minutes in future issues of the LOG.

The minutes will now be available on the IOBG web site, www.iobg.org - or to request a set by mail, please contact:

P/C Marybeth Thayer
IOBG Recording Secretary
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760-632-9058
Email: bethtnbillt@sbcglobal.net

In Seattle, if you've but one experience, make it Tillicum Village!



Welcome to Seattle

October



2008



Marriott.
SEATTLE AIRPORT





2008 Annual Meeting - Events Schedule

Marriott -Seattle -Airport

3201 South 176th Street

Seattle, WA 98188

206-241-2000

	<u>Time</u>	<u>No Persons</u>	<u>Event Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Wednesday, October 22nd</u>				
Registration	2:00 - 5:00 PM			
Silent Auction - Open	2:00 - 5:00 PM			
Hospitably Room	5:00 - 7:00 PM		No Charge	
<u>Thursday, October 23rd</u>				
Registration	8:00 - 4:00 PM			
Silent Auction - Open	8:00 - 4:00 PM			
Continental Breakfast	8:00 AM		No Charge	
Area VP's Round Table Discussion	9:00 - 11:30 AM			
IOBGA - Seattle Center - Bus	9:00 AM			
IOBGA - Ride the Ducks of Seattle/Lunch	11:00 AM	_____	\$20.00	\$ _____
Lunch - IOBG	12:00 PM	_____	\$25.00	\$ _____
District Directors				
Area VPs Round Table (continued)	1:00 - 3:00 PM			
Des Moines Yacht Club - Bus Departs	4:30 PM			
Dinner & Entertainment	5:00 - 10:00 PM	_____	\$25.00	\$ _____
<u>Friday, October 24th</u>				
Registration	8:00 - 4:00 PM			
Silent Auction - Open	8:00 - 4:00 PM			
Continental Breakfast	8:00 AM		No Charge	
IOBG Pre-Meeting Discussion	9:00 - 11:30 AM			
IOBGA Pre-Meeting Discussion	9:30 - 11:30 AM			
Joint Lunch - Speaker	12:00 - 1:30 PM	_____	\$25.00	\$ _____
IOBGHF Meeting	1:30 - 2:30 PM			
Dinner - Tillicum Village - Bus	3:30 PM	_____	\$50.00	\$ _____
<u>Saturday, October 25th</u>				
Registration	8:00 - 9:00 AM			
IOBG Annual Meeting/Cont. Breakfast	9:00 - 11:30 AM			
IOBGA Annual Meeting/Cont. Breakfast	9:30 - 11:30 AM			
Joint Lunch - Speaker	12:00 - 1:30 PM	_____	\$25.00	\$ _____
IOBG Annual Meeting	1:30 - 2:30 PM			
Auction Items P/U - Shipped	3:00 PM			
No Host Cocktails	6:00 - 7:00 PM			
Dinner and Dancing	7:00 - 12:00 AM	_____	\$65.00	\$ _____
Installation of Officers				
<u>Sunday, October 26th</u>				
IOBG Fall Regional Meeting	9:00 - 10:00 AM			



2008 Annual Meeting Mail-In Registration Form

Marriott -Seattle Airport

3201 South 176th Street

Seattle, WA 98188



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Joint Lunch - Speaker	_____	\$25.00	\$ _____
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Dinner and Dancing	_____	\$65.00	\$ _____
Installation of Officers			
		TOTAL:	\$ _____

FOR AIR TRAVEL: Sea-Tac International Airport (SEA). Courtesy Shuttle to the Marriott-Seattle Airport Hotel
Please call the Hotel direct for room reservations at 206-241-2100 before September 15, 2008.
 When making your reservations mention IOBG for the special rate of \$137.00 for Single or Double.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "IOBG" AND SEND THIS ENTIRE FORM TO:

**P/C Jacquelyn Evans Rudd
 37834 43rd Ave South
 Auburn, WA 98001**

District Number _____ Office Held _____

NAME _____ SPOUSE/GUEST _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ PHONE: () _____

Spouse/Guest is a member of IOBG _____ IOBGA _____

TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED: \$ _____



Northwestern

Districts 1, 2, 4, 5 & 24

Arthur Kovarnik

N.W. Vice President

District 1

Submitted by Mary Nye Meyers, Pres. Dist. 1

District 1 is busily preparing for the 2008 Annual Meeting being held at the Sea-Tac Marriott Hotel on October 23-26. We are all excited to welcome IOBG members who will be traveling from near and far. Many exciting events are planned to show visitors our beautiful Pacific Northwest.

IOBG & IOBGA District 1 are continuing their fundraising efforts for our three designated charities: IOBG Humanitarian Foundation and The Make-A-Wish and Wishing Star Foundations. Members are urged to bring items for raffles with the monies to be divided amongst the three foundations.

We are very excited to announce that with the introduction of the International Marketing Plan, District 1 has developed its own Marketing Plan based on Marc Connelly's program. Vice President Jim Hinckley is implementing the newly created 'District Level' program.

Schedule of Events

April 18-20, 2008	Spring Meeting	Richland YC, WA
May 3, 2008	Opening Day	Seattle Yacht Club, WA
June 5-8, 2008	Rose Festival	Portland, OR
July 18-20, 2008	Summer Picnic	Snoqualmie Pass, WA
Sept. 5-7, 2008	Okanogan Invasion	Canada
Sept. 19-21, 2008	Fall Change of Watch	SpokaneYC/Templin's Resort Post Falls, Idaho.
Oct. 18-21, 2008	Pre-2008 Excursion	Vancouver-Victoria, BC, Canada
Oct. 23-26, 2008	2008 Annual Meeting	Seattle, WA Sea/Tac Marriott Hotel

District 5

Submitted by Joy Brown, Secretary

District 5 held our General meeting January 23rd to decide which events we wanted to do in 2008, and following are some of the ones we chose:

We plan a cruise to Hadley's Landing (Wapato State Park) April 5th & 6th. Last summer we adopted the park and boat dock and will continue to maintain the grounds and picnic area for the general public, and the dock for the boaters to enjoy. We just signed a 3-year contract with the Parks Dept. and suggested putting in horseshoe pits and a hitching post for the horses of those who ride in to the park, so we will be working closely with them to get these projects done.

At our meeting we decided to assist some of the local yacht clubs to put barrels in their clubhouses all year round for the Sunshine Division to help the needy. The entire community benefits from our endeavor, which is a win/win for all.

We also will continue to add 3 extra lines on our application form so members can donate to our local Columbia River Yachting Association, the Sea Scouts, and/or the Daughters of Neptune. These are all boating related organizations and this is an easy way to help support them.

Then on June 5th and 6th we will be hosting the IOBG Spring Regional meeting here in Portland, Oregon, which is our Rose Festival weekend and there will be many fun-filled events for members during their stay in our beautiful city.

We have 3 more meetings planned for the year, plus many other events that are still in the planning stages.

Submitted by
Mike Parish, Past NWVP

On February 6th Roxanne and I attended the Annual Meeting of Blue Gavel Canada, held each year in conjunction with the Vancouver Boat Show. Tickets to the Boat Show are provided with the meeting being held on site. There were 22 in attendance this year. Blue Gavel Canada is having the same problems that are being experienced here in the state: inability to retain members.

The Officers in Districts #2 and #4 are now holding office for a 2-year term and their dues remain at \$30 a year with a portion being returned to the District. They put out a 4 page letter quarterly and support a Humanitarian project each year. District #2 holds only 1 meeting a year in the Fall with District #4 holding at least 2 meetings. District #24 holds the Okanagan Invasion each Fall as well as other events and meetings throughout the year.

Unfortunately the Annual "Hands Across the Border" get together has been cancelled the past two years, the first time because of business problems and last year due to lack of interest at the local level.

District #4 has been the forerunner for the Humanitarian project. Eagle Harbor Yacht Club in North Vancouver has a sailing program and this has been expanded to include underprivileged children that have been identified by the Queen Mary Community Service Program in Vancouver. The kids are mainly from immigrant families and often there is only a single parent. All of these kids attend on a scholarship basis.

The students are nominated for desire, physical ability and social skills. It has allowed a quiet, withdrawn child with no chance to learn sailing to find a niche and be able to learn new skills. We heard the story of one young girl who was very withdrawn, always looked down and never talked. At lunch time she would sit by herself and draw. Soon the other students and leaders were walking over, watching her, and asking questions. By the end of the summer not only had she learned sailing but also was communicating with others and was no longer withdrawn.

In 2006 the program reached 6 underprivileged kids, in 2007, 11 and they are looking at 16 for 2008. The program runs on a grant as well as donations. Blue Gavel Canada has been able to support two of these kids each year for the past two years and would like to be able to help even more.

At the end of the program two Honorary Memberships in Blue Gavel Canada were bestowed by the group. The first one went to Wayne DeBrule, a past President for his many contribution, hard work and support of Blue Gavel Canada.

The second was an even greater surprise as I was the recipient. It was given for my support of Blue Gavel Canada over the past 8 years. It seems that I have attended as many as and some times more meetings than many of their own members and Board. This is a great honor for me and it is very much appreciated.

We have made many great friends in Canada during the past 8 years and even though I do not hold an official office we will continue to visit and support Blue Gavel Canada in their efforts. Working with them has been one of the great joys of serving as Northwestern Vice President.



Southwestern

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

Larry Draper

S.W. Vice President

District 11

Wilma Rosenberg, Dist. Director

District 11 is in Southern California and reaches from Westlake Village, to the Santa Monica Bay Area, and on to King Harbor.

President Gary Green, Vice President Rosalie Green and I have met and spoken continually to offer District 11 a varied calendar of events. Nine events at different yacht clubs are planned. In addition, we will continue to support one or more needy juniors to learn to sail in Jr. Summer Sailing Program. We support a women's and children's shelter with soaps, shampoos, and beauty supplies. We also want any used (and not in use anymore) boat supplies (example rudders, sails, etc.) for the local Boy Scout group.

Our District welcomes back to its Officers Roster, Besim Bilman-Treasurer, and Allan Bertik-Quartermaster.

District 11 Calendar of Events start in February (Wine-Tasting-Proceeds go to our Jr. Sailing Program) followed in March with an Appreciation dinner for paid members

Make 2008 a Great Year! Come join us and have fun. Share a day with other Past Commodores.

District 15

Linda Loftis, District Director

District 15 now has 123 members, with 11 new and 5 At-Large. We have started off 2008 with our annual Yacht Club Seminar at Southwestern Yacht Club, arranged by Vice President Jim Coburn. There also was an IOBGA meeting for spouses at the same time under the direction of Dawn Nemoy. They had a survey and agenda that was appreciated by all attending.

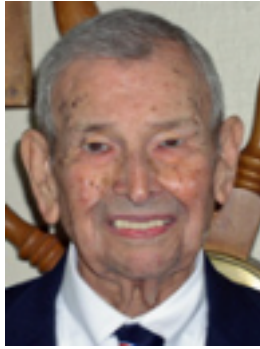
We have our New Member brunch on February 23rd at Chula Vista Yacht Club that President Linda Whipple has prepared. Linda has set the calendar for several other meetings both social and fundraising for Humanitarian Fund and ROBC.

I've sent letters to all new members and Jr. Staff Commodores requesting time to speak at club board meetings. Five dates have been set-up. My agenda will be presenting *what IOBG can do for them* and how the Humanitarian Fund can aide in educational and boating safety clinics .I have also coordinated with Mr. Powell from SMYC and the Power Boat Squadron to assist in classes at yacht clubs once a schedule is established.

District 15 Board and myself look forward to the up and coming Opening Days and a great 2008.

Oorah Regatta with Navy Sailing Club





North Central

Districts 7, 9, 23 & 25

Francis D. Ramsey

N.C. Vice President

Having just returned from the Regional Meeting in Oakland, California, my first bit of news is that a new Chapter was approved for the Tower Harbor Yacht Club in District 23.

My spouse, Maude Ramsey, was inducted in IOBG Auxiliary and will work with the Districts to try and bring more Chapters in IOBGA.

Many subjects were on the agenda during the meeting, including Membership recruiting and retention. A number of committees were appointed to discuss and offer suggestions on various subjects that the Executive Board had under consideration.

I have not been able to visit any Districts or Chapters as yet, but hope to do so upon returning home the first of May. E-mail and Ma Bell have been very helpful in keeping in touch with them. Many Chapters have been busy this winter planning events for the upcoming boating season. Looks like it's going to be a busy summer.

District 7

Scott Croxford, Dist. Director

Another chapter in the history of District 7 has come to a close. The year 2007 will go down as another one of those years with many great successes and too many lost friends. To start the year, our hard working Ladies Auxiliary kicked it up a notch with their "Chili Cook Off" hosted by Inter-City Yacht Club. It has always been a great way to shake off the winter doldrums and reconnect with our summertime comrades.

The Blue Blazer Social, our yearly recruiting function which was started by P/C Debbie Banks-Skellenger in 2003, proved again to be an extremely potent forum for enlisting new members. This event invites the current Vice Commodores and Commodores of our member clubs. It gives them two opportunities to meet and enjoy what we call the Blue Gavel.

In July we hosted, with District 9 & 25, a cocktail party for the current I-LYA Commodore Jim DuPre. Being part of and being recognized by the entire boating community serves us well in attracting quality people into Blue Gavel.

Our charity of choice this year was the Cleveland Sight Center which supports a sailing program for the vision impaired.

We added another club to our roster this year thanks to the hard work of Tony Durieux, South Central VP. Alum Creek Yacht Club, a sailing club in the Columbus area brought in a half dozen or so Past Commodores and has opened the door to other exciting opportunities in central Ohio.

This past year we lost too many friends. Two of them having been from my Bridge and hold a special place in my heart, Rich Dezzutti, P/C Lake County Yacht Club and Robert Graven, Past President of District 7 and P/C Edgewater Yacht Club. Their friendship, guidance and mentoring will never be forgotten. To all the family members and friends of those who have been called to calmer waters, I wish you peace and the piece of mind that we are a family and that we all care deeply.

District 9
Gary Ryan, District Director

Our District is a very active one. Most Chapters have fundraisers through out the year and the District has a humanitarian fund raiser every May. Last year we donated money to a local girl to compete in the Olympics in sailing. She is now rated first in her class and will compete.

Our District tries to give out from \$500 to \$1000 every year, and of course we could not do this without the help of our very active IOBGA members.

Along with Districts 7 and 25, we also host a cocktail party for the Inter-lake Yachting Association held every August at the annual regatta at Put in Bay, Ohio.

At this time we are trying to retain our membership and have received three new members, and are recruiting a new Chapter also. My personal feeling is that we will lose about fifty members from our District. The problem is retaining and not recruiting. Our membership last year was 307, down from the year before. We have one Chapter that wants to get back to the active circle and we will help however we can.

The Officers this year are: P/C P/P Mark Hupp, Advisor; P/C P/P Gary Ryan District Director; President Jack White; President Elect Debbi Grosskoph; with the following Vice Presidents P/C's Pat Slee, Rich Schneeman, Larry Marter, Richard Anderson, Greg Doriot and Becky Vinson. Treasurer Rob Wolas and Recording Secretary Ray Morrow.

District 25
Tom Lyon, District Director

On a sad note and heavy heart I report that one of our newest members, P/C John Bowers from Sun Parlour Boat Club had passed way suddenly on December 21, 2007. Our regrets to Lady Margaret and the entire Bowers family.

On a lighter note, I would like to report that all of our Chapters have been bust with club events and Humanitarian Fundraising functions. One I would like to mention is that Great Lakes Steel Boat Club donated \$1500 to the Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor, Michigan. Nice job.

We have gained one new Chapter in 2007, welcome to all the new members from Anchor Bay Yachting Association. Our membership applications and renewals are still being turned in. I believe we will gain rather than lose membership for 2008.

Our Auxiliary had been suspended for awhile and now is up and running. Thanks to President Sharon Skitch, Seaway Boat Club, for taking the bull by the horns and re-activating the Auxiliary. She scheduled a greet and meet for any 2007 Past Commodore's that had questions about the International Order of Blue Gavel in January 2008.

Also upcoming the weekend of May 16, 17 and 18, 2008 Mariners Boat Club will be hosting a combination Presidents Ball, Rendezvous and Cocktail reception.

I would like to thank all of our new Officers for stepping forward and becoming involved and congratulations to our new President P/C Lois Conte.



Northeastern

Districts 3, 12, 20, 22, 26, 27

Marc Connelly

N.E. Vice President

Last year when I wrote these notes, Buffalo had a minus 0 wind chill and better than 40 inches of snow. This year we have 2 inches and 20 degrees. Could we possibly get our boats back in the water early?

Many thanks for your enthusiastic response to the Marketing Program. We are currently working on the new reports and getting them on the web site.

District 3

Past International President Art Theobald reported that over the past two years, the Past Commodores of Niagara District #3 have sponsored fundraising events for the benefit of the Excalibur Leisure Skills Center of Buffalo, NY. Excalibur is a private, non-profit, all volunteer, charitable organization dedicated to providing COST-FREE boating and fishing opportunities for disabled and disadvantaged persons. Its goal is to provide FREE and UNLIMITED access to Lake Erie, as well as, offer Developmental Opportunities for Agency Related Programs and their Consumers.

Read more about District #3 and the Blue Gavel Humanitarian Foundation's contribution to the Excalibur Leisure Skills Center in the IOBGHF section of this LOG.

District 20

P/C Dave Meshulam reports that a "Watersmart from the Start" (US Power Squadron Young People Education) training book and CD will be furnished to each of the 14 Chapters in his District. A great IOBG project. Thanks Dave

District 26

Mark your calendars for August 7-10th. The 2008 IOBG Summer Meeting plans for Long Island, NY are well on their way. Look in the next LOG for all the particulars. Lets all plan on attending.

Mt. Senai Yacht Club will again host the annual IOBG Rib Dinner on June 29th.

District 27

District Director Chuck Browning provided the following. Thank You Chuck

Some very interesting things that are happening on the Chesapeake Bay that are sponsored by our IOBG Chapters.

Bush River Yacht Club and Maryland Yacht Club

Each year, on the first Sunday in June, the yacht clubs of the Bay converge on Rock Creek to witness the coronation of a new Queen of the Chesapeake. This has been a Maryland Yacht Club tradition since 1948.

The yacht basin and parking area swells with visitors, as white quickly becomes the color of the day. The afternoon is filled with pageantry, excitement, suspense, drama, laughter, and even some tears. Although only one Princess is crowned Queen, there are no losers, since each contestant is a winner with her peers and the yachting community. We admire the sacrifices these young ladies make to represent their respective yacht clubs.

The jungle sun for Saturday's 99th Opening Ceremony gave way to rainforest rain for Sunday's Pageant. Reluctantly, the morning rehearsal and afternoon Pageant were moved into the Clubhouse. However, the steady precipitation could not dampen the spirits of anyone inside.

US Navy Sailing Association
Annapolis, Maryland

Vets on the Bay is a US Navy Sailing Project designed to bring a day of R&R and fun on the water to wounded veterans of the conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The pilot project was held on the Chesapeake Bay in Annapolis, Maryland on June 29 and August 10, 2007. Wounded vets invited to the Annapolis event are currently at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, and the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

The Day on the Bay gets the vets out of the institutional medical routine of physical therapy and visits with doctors. It is offered free of charge to the vets and their families and friends.

The host is US Navy Sailing, made up of military vets or active duty personnel. The Vets on the Bay event is private, at the request of the vets themselves. The press and general public are not invited so that the vets can relax and have fun in comfortable surroundings.

Donations are needed to keep this pilot program alive and to extend it to other locations. Help US Navy Sailing provide a day away from worries to our best and bravest. Help US Navy Sailing show them that the United States cares and is grateful for their service and sacrifice.

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Districts 8 & 18

Tom Sullivan

S.E. Vice President

ONE MAN'S OPINION

(March 1, 2008)

Alot has been going on in District 8. The Officers of D-8 have asked the International to revise its voting procedures and submit a balanced budget, or most (or some) of the Officers will form a new Past Commodores Organization in November 2008.

In answer to this I can tell you that the USA uses an Electoral College System and not a popular vote method and the International's Budget is not balanced in order to allow for wiggle room.

The vast majority of IOBG Chapters (and members) in District 8 plan on remaining with the IOBG. I am not aware of any Chapters that are leaving other than the one or two each year that leave for one reason or another.

A survey of members should have been used to voice the views of the membership---but this was not done and confusion resulted. A friend of mine who is an active ROTARIAN tells me his organization has four rules which they try to abide with which asks the questions "will this be beneficial to all concerned & whether it will build good will and better friendships?" I feel these two rules have not been met by the current state of affairs.

I might also mention that a past D-8 President/Director who has issues with the International has influenced this situation.

At Palm Coast Yacht Club in February the afternoon session approved another Flag (Burgee) to represent the Past Commodores of Florida. The vote was introduced and pushed by the same person previously mentioned and included 5 proxy votes for its approval which were not in written form nor signed. Just think, we now have a Yacht Club Flag, a Past Commodores Flag, an IOBG Flag, a Florida Council of Yacht Clubs Flag, a POW/MIA Flag, a Florida State Flag, an American Flag, and now this---another Flag. The logic behind this behooves me.

International President Dick Janiszewski and his wife Pat (who is Auxiliary President) have been in Florida for the past 3 months. Dick and Pat have visited various IOBG Chapters and Auxiliaries at Vero Beach Yacht Club, Old Port Yacht Club, North Palm Beach Yacht Club, Halifax River Yacht Club and Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club and strengthened the IOBG overall position with all concerned.

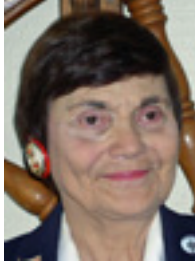
What you should know is: The IOBG is Alive & Well and the greater majority of Chapters in District 8 want to remain in the IOBG. Your needs will continue to be met---and I hope satisfied.

Also another mailing to District 18 went off as scheduled and positive interest from members is presently underway.



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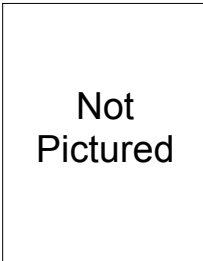
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International Order of the Blue Gavel Auxiliary



From the President

by Pat Janiszewski

I would like to thank Districts 14 and 19 for hosting IOBG and IOBGA for the Winter Regional meeting. The camaraderie at the meeting, seeing old friends, meeting new people is certainly the essence of the Blue Gavel Auxiliary. I especially want to thank our Vice President, Ann Knies, for her organization and attention to detail, John Anthony (Lucille's husband) for his dedication to make sure that we all arrived at our destinations in a timely manner; and to Richard Hardy (and the many other captains) for our day on San Francisco Bay. Unfortunately, I don't have all the names, but a thank you to all the PCs who served an unforgettable crab feast at the Island Yacht Club, and to those members who organized the delicious sit-down dinner at the Encinal Yacht Club. It is through these meetings and socialization that fond memories come about. To all involved—thank you for giving me fond memories to bring home.

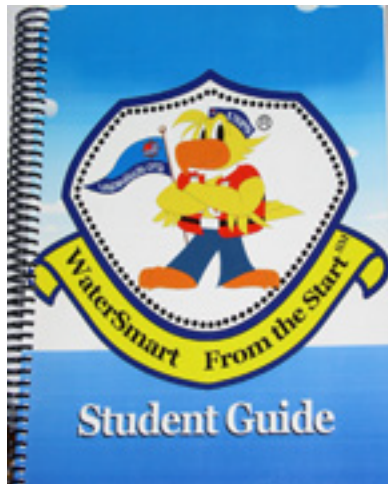
From a meeting standpoint, many ideas for the betterment of our organization were discussed. One thing I tried to emphasize was the importance to let others know just what is happening in our Districts and Chapters. Of greater importance is not knowing what happened in the past, but what is being planned for the future. In other words, don't be afraid to “blow your own horn.” Only by doing so, will members be aware of the full extent that our organization reaches out to those in the boating community, food pantries, our military, and also many other worthwhile endeavors. I was overwhelmed to hear the enthusiasm expressed by so many Districts. This feeling becomes contagious! There were many great ideas presented, some of which are reflected in articles in our LOG.

The sponsorship by the Auxiliary for a children's safe boating program is introduced in this LOG. As mentioned, a free booklet and CD will be sent compliments of the Auxiliary to every District Director who, in turn, will be asked to share the information with the Chapters. If, as a parent or grandparent, you want a personal copy to give as a gift to your grandchild or child, contact the US Power Squadron. This contact information will be forthcoming.

Just as a reminder, when submitting your dues, please spell out the name of your yacht club. With so many chapters throughout the United States, it makes it easier for Richard Hardy to know the full name of your yacht club.

I also want to mention that the Auxiliary will be updating its Policy and Procedures manual which is available on the IOBGA website. Please look over this manual, it serves as a great update for your Chapter, but also look it over so you can make suggestions or comments on changes you would want to see. While we are “editing”, take a moment to look over our By-Laws, again if you have comments or suggestions, please contact me.

Stay healthy - by the time this is received we will be “heading into Spring” and looking forward to a new season!



The IOBG Auxiliary is pleased to inform all Blue Gavel and Auxiliary members of its sponsorship of an exciting boating and water safety program, "Water Smart from the Start."

Dedicated to "KIDS OF ALL AGES" the program is supported by a coalition of United States Power Squadrons, the United States Coast Guard, Sea Scouts/Boy Scouts of America (BSA), and the National Water Safety Congress. Funding for the program's development was provided by the Wallops-Breaux Foundation. Graphics and illustrations were provided by members of General Dynamics, Inc., Virginia Beach, Virginia team.

"Water Smart from the Start" was presented and recommended by District 20 Director David J. Meshulam during the October 2007 Annual Meeting on Long Beach Island, NJ. The program was reviewed and presented by Auxiliary President, Patricia Janiszewski, to the IOBGA Executive Committee at their first business meeting. The Auxiliary Executive Committee and members unanimously approved sponsorship of the program.

In order to stimulate interest in children's safety, the training manual and game CD will be sent to every District Director. The Auxiliary asks that each District Director share this valuable information with their Chapters. The Auxiliary will pay the cost of the initial training manual and disc, including postage, to be sent to each District Director. This early notification will enable Districts and Chapters time to assess this program's application during the typically active summer boating season.

I extend my personal thank you to District Director Dave Meshulam and to my Executive Committee and members for their support. The manuals should be made available during early April and will be sent out as soon as received. Further questions can be forwarded to me at richardjaniszewski@msn.com.

Northwest Regional Report

Submitted by Betts Hinckley. Pres. District 1

District 1 has once again dedicated our charitable efforts to three organizations: IOBG Humanitarian Foundation, Make-a-Wish and Wishing Star Foundations. Everyone attending the

Spring and Fall District Meetings are urged to bring an item for the Raffle. The monies collected from the raffles will be divided equally amongst the three foundations.

I wish to thank my Board for the 2008 year: Cindy Davidson, Vice-President; Mike Meyers, Secretary; Dixie Abernathy, Treasurer; John Gordon, Historian; and Hazel Parsons, Sunshine. I'm honored to be your President. Please call (cell # 509-528-4874) or e-mail: jimandbetts@verizon.net with your ideas and suggestions.

This is going to be an exciting year for District 1.

Mark these dates on your calendar:

April 18-20, 2008	Spring Meeting	Richland YC, WA
May 3, 2008	Opening Day	Seattle Yacht Club, WA
June 5-8, 2008	Rose Festival	Portland, OR
July 18-20, 2008	Summer Picnic	Snoqualmie Pass, WA
Sept. 5-7, 2008	Okanogan Invasion	Canada
Sept. 19-21, 2008	Fall Change of Watch	SpokaneYC/Templin's Resort Post Falls, Idaho.
Oct. 18-21, 2008	Pre-2008 Excursion	Vancouver-Victoria, BC, Canada
Oct. 23-26, 2008	2008 Annual Meeting	Seattle, WA Sea/Tac Marriott Hotel

Our very own, Jerry Rudd, will be installed as President of International Order of Blue Gavel. District 1 IOBGA will have the opportunity to play a vital part in this dynamic event. What will your yacht club contribute to the Silent Auction to be held during the Convention for the Humanitarian Foundation? Why not attend the convention to be the best ambassadors from District 1 welcoming IOBG and IOBGA members from all over our country and the world?

Southwest Regional Report

Submitted by Grace Hansen, Pres. District 15

IOBGA District 15 held its inaugural Yacht Club Management Seminar Roundtable Discussion at Southwestern Yacht Club on January 26, 2008, for the benefit of invited spouse / domestic partners of current Officers of District 15 yacht

clubs. An IOBGA member from each club volunteered to act as presenter to discuss the roles and responsibilities of the spouse / partner, as well as customs and traditions distinct to their club.

Everyone was given the opportunity to introduce themselves with a few words about their background and current position at their club. The invitees were presented with copies of the discussion outline, as well as, handouts covering traditions and protocol. The format adopted was one where a topic or question was posed and then each presenter in turn would respond (topics and questions had been circulated earlier to the presenters in order to allow for preparation). A question and answer period followed each topic. Examples of topics addressed were: involvement in the preparation of one's own club's Opening Day Ceremonies, attending other clubs Opening Day Ceremonies, other functions and events that require an organizational role by the spouse, role modification if the spouse is male or if there is no spouse, leading "Ladies" or auxiliary group activities at one's respective club, the impact on personal and family life, and how the role can affect the club in one's handling of politics, confidentiality and property.

Another segment dealing with traditions, protocol and etiquette followed. This was wide ranging in that it covered dress-including the proper placement of name tags and bullion; whether to stand and be recognized when your name is announced; demonstrating proper respect to the flag and National Anthem; the correct flying of flags and burgees in boats; protocol and courtesies when visiting other yacht clubs' and dining etiquette.

Also, a copy of the infamous "alphabet soup" was distributed which listed the many acronyms and abbreviations of the organizations and yacht clubs they represent.

All in all, this seminar was highly informative to all, as there were numerous issues that begged clarification. It is our hope to compile information pertinent and common to all the clubs in a reference guide, which will ease each individual's transition into their new role and contribute to the professionalism of the IOBGA. This discussion was much needed as not only did we come away with our roles and responsibilities more clearly defined, but additionally, obscure details regarding protocol and etiquette were brought to light. At the same time, we are fulfilling our mission as an organization to preserve the traditions, customs and ethics of the yachting community by the mentorship offered to those who will follow our path.

The roundtable event required much preparation and many thanks go to our IOBGA Officers and member volunteers for their efforts. In particular Treasurer Dawn Nemoy is to be commended for coming up with this concept, as well as developing the format, sending out questionnaires, arranging club presenters etc. There was a total of twenty four attendees representing nine clubs and we are planning for increased attendance in the future for what is likely to be an annual event. There already has been discussion to include all Board members' spouses as the majority currently participate in events and likely will be moving up the chairs and would find useful this information.

We were particularly pleased the IOBGA International President-elect Audrey Hall and IOGA International Treasurer Richard Hardy were present at the seminar. District 15 is happy to share the various printouts distributed at the seminar should you care to use them as a framework for your own roundtable discussion. Just email your request to the email address below.

We are looking forward to a full year at District 15 with the help of our members. Our appreciation goes to the following who have accepted to serve as IOBGA Officers in 2008: Vice - President Judy Longfellow of Coronado Yacht Club; Secretary Bill Thayer of Santa Margarita Yacht Club; and Treasurer Dawn Shaffer Nemoy of Mission Bay Yacht Club. Needless to say, these individuals are not in this for glory or fame, but because of pure unadulterated dedication to IOBGA and it's mission-and perhaps some convivial socialization on the side.

Please check the IOBGA website for updates on the goings on at District 15. Any comments, requests, etc. can be emailed to Grace Hansen : zencom@cox.net

Southwest Regional Report Continued
Submitted by Sue Meyer, President District 19

Leaving the Regional meeting hosted by District 14 and 19 Chapters of the IOBG and IOBGA gave me seven hours to reflect on what has been going on within our Auxiliary. (That's the cruise time from Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda to our homeport in Stockton.) And to tell you the truth, I'm pretty excited about things.

First of all, our membership for 2008 is up to 44 members so far and we have a full Board thanks to Ms. Marsha Barker agreeing to be our Vice President. With that increase in woman power, this year's emphasis on fundraising seems promising. But I'm getting ahead of myself.

For the last few years, it has been the pleasure of District 14's IOBGA to raise monies to help the Sacramento All-Girls Sea Scout troop restore and maintain their 91 foot Viet Nam era all-aluminum PTF 26 boat. We have done this through silent auctions, 50-50 raffles, etc. We presented a thousand dollars here, seven hundred dollars there. All of it very appreciated and graciously accepted but small considering the scope of this monumental effort



The District 14 IOBGA Board has decided to try a new, bold tack. As of this report, a memo has been sent to all staff Commodores and Auxiliary members announcing that we expect each of their clubs to invite the Board and Cadets, when possible, to come to their clubs to speak about this remarkable cadre of young women. We have a power point or DVD presentation along with information to be able to detail the future plans. Our hope is that through this effort, we can elicit a pledge of \$100, \$500, \$1000 or whatever can be donated for this worthy cause.

The memo is out, the team is ready. All we need is to hear from our District 19 and 14 yacht clubs, pack up our audio-visual equipment and head for the Board or General meeting to present our request. We are convinced that once experienced boaters hear about this group of girl Sea Scouts, they too will be excited to help their efforts in repairing and maintaining this boat.

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IOBG Humanitarian Foundation

IOBG Humanitarian Foundations, Inc.

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.

EXCALIBUR LEISURE SKILLS CENTER OF BUFFALO, N. Y.

Submitted by Past President A. R. Theobald, Niagara District #3

Over the past two years, the Past Commodores of Niagara District #3, a Western New York District, have sponsored fundraising events for the benefit of the Excalibur Leisure Skills Center of Buffalo. The organization is dedicated to offering disabled and disadvantaged young people and adults of Western New York an opportunity to get out and enjoy the waters of Lake Erie and the Niagara River. Some of these people have never been on a boat. Some of the trips were for fishing, while others were just a boat ride on the water to enjoy the fresh air and the sights of the Buffalo sky-line and harbor.

Through these fundraising events, the District was able to accumulate and raise a sum of \$1,000. The District Blue Gavel Auxiliary, holding similar activities, also was able to raise an equal amount of \$1,000 ear-marked for the same goal.

With these funds in hand, an application was submitted to the International Blue Gavel Humanitarian Foundation to "match our funds" with a grant of \$2,000. This being approved, we received the grant enabling Niagara District #3 and the International Blue Gavel Humanitarian Foundation to contribute a total of \$4,000 to the Excalibur Leisure Skills Center, Inc., Buffalo, N.Y., toward the acquisition of a new 30 foot Island Hopper Vessel.

The money was handed over to Mr. Jim. Catalano, President of the Board, at the District Holiday Dinner at Sandy Beach Yacht Club. Now the disabled and disadvantaged neighbors of Western New York will benefit and enjoy a day in the sun out on the water next year.

Those that participated in the fundraising events can be proud of their efforts to do "a good deed" for those less fortunate in the boating community of Western New York - that which we know as Niagara District #3 of the International Order of the Blue Gavel.

Past Commodore Tom Hauser, Sandy Beach Yacht Club, added his thanks and appreciation to the District, the I.O.B.G., I.O.B.G.A. and the Humanitarian Foundation for being an advocate of the disabled and disadvantaged in our own community.

Watch for photographic images of the dedication and launching in the Spring.

From the Treasurer: Jacquelyn Evans Rudd

As your IOBGHF Treasurer, I would like to report that we are off to a good start. We have a total of \$1,206.00 that has been contributed thus far.

I would like to express Thank You's to the following:

District 1 - Individual Members and Clover Island Yacht Club, Kennewick, WA
District 7 - IOBG - Auxiliary
Districts 14 & 19 - For the 50/50 Raffle at the Winter Regional Meeting
District 15 - Fundraisers

If you need brochures that explain IOBGHF or Memorial Envelopes please contact Carol Garside, Secretary of IOBG Humanitarian Foundation or myself. We would be glad to send some materials. With Easter, Memorial Day or even the 4th of July coming up, it's a good time to remember someone with love and a donation in their name to IOBGHF. I will send out a notification card to them and a Thank You letter to you for your tax records.

Just a reminder at the 2008 Annual Meeting in Seattle, the IOBGHF is having a Silent Auction. If you or your District would like to donate an item of interest for this event, please send it to:

IOBGHF
c/o Jacquelyn Evans Rudd
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I will be sure to list it and it's value for the auction.

Thank you all for your support over the years.

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