



International Order of the Blue Gavel

The Association of Past Commodores

Please visit our web site at www.iobg.org

Dear Past Commodore:

I am writing to invite you to join the International Order of the Blue Gavel.

The mission of the Blue Gavel organization is to recognize Past Commodores of the international yachting community and unite them in order to promote the highest ideals of yachting and preserve its customs and traditions through social, educational and humanitarian programs.

The organization was founded in 1953 by Ev. G. Henry, Commodore of the Rainier Yacht Club of Seattle, Washington, USA. In 1954 the organization crossed the border into Canada and became the "International" Order of the Blue Gavel.

We strive to provide Past Commodores with more extensive opportunities for worthwhile yachting activities for the purpose of cultivating, strengthening and preserving the ties of continued friendship, honor, sportsmanship, fraternal and social relationships among Past Commodores of yacht clubs and associations. Some of our international members include United Kingdom, Canada, Japan and New Zealand.

The organization is structured by Chapter (individual yacht club), by District (5 or more Chapters and 50 members) and by Region. No initiation fees are involved.

You have the option to purchase and proudly display an official IOBG burgee and/or name tag.

Chapters decide their own activities and/or join with other Chapters for combined humanitarian or social activities.

Our online brochure and bylaws located at www.iobg.org will provide you with more insight into the Blue Gavel organization. You can also apply for membership using our online application on the home page at www.iobg.org

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss your possible membership to this "invitation only" organization.