

# THE BLUE GAVEL LOG

Of The  
INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL

An Association of Past Commodores

Volume 45 No. 1

December 2022

Mary Nye Meyers, Editor

The mission of IOBG 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.



Sailing on the Yacht America



President Kathleen Jo Smith & Gary



SW AVP Liz Allison



Friday Evening Oktoberfest



Coronado Yacht Club



2022-2023 Executive Committee

# 2023 IOBG DIRECTORY

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

### Protocol Officer

Gary McGrath  
Tel: 925-682-5939  
gmac6262@aol.com

### Recording Secretary

Joyce Jackson-Coomber (Rodney)  
Tel: 562-522-8731  
joycecoomber51@gmail.com

### Communications/ Publications Director LOG Editor

Mary Nye Meyers  
Tel: 253-224-8592  
fire\_n\_ice104@hotmail.com

### Education Officer

Linda Loftis  
Cell: 760-803-9325  
[lindaloftis@att.net](mailto:lindaloftis@att.net)

### Sergeant-At-Arms

OPEN

### Historian

Rosalie Davis-Green (Gary)  
Cell: 310-508-5237  
rdgreen310@gmail.com

### Past Pres. Liaison Officer

Sherry Barone  
Cell: 310-720-9610  
seasidecon@aol.com

### Supply Officer

Commodore Insignia  
1380 Centerville LN #32  
Gardnersville, NV 89410  
Tel: 775-782-3380  
Tel: 800-315-7485  
Fax: 775-782-4003  
Comsignia@aol.com  
www.commodoreinsignia.com

## REPRESENTATIVES

### BOAT U.S.

Jack Skidmore 805-216-6261

### Boat U.S. Membership

Discount Code: IOBG #GA 83629B

### AUXILIARY LIAISON

Joseph A. Tringali 561-906-4642

### HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION LIAISON

Robert "Buzz" Bisanz 770-337-8701

### MEMBERSHIP & PUBLIC RELATIONS

Steven Hyder (Membership) 734-474-1195  
Joseph Tringali (Public Relations) 561-906-4642

### NATIONAL BOATING FEDERATION

Marlene Barrington 928-759-7158

### US SAILING

Mark Hansen 310-601-0710

### U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Bob Brandenstein 412-759-7801

### AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

(Formally U.S. Power Squadron)  
Audrey Rice 941-474-2426

## COMMITTEES

### AUDIT

Mark Vadaj 440-479-0064  
Marsha Landreth 805-889-0054  
Steven Hyder 734-474-1195

### BY-LAWS & POLICY/PROCEDURES

Vern Bendsen, Chair 707-422-3510  
Liz Allison 605-593-4649  
Gary McGrath 925-682-5939

### FINANCE

Marsha Landreth, Chair 805-889-0054  
Kathy Smith 619-905-4581  
Mark Vadaj 440-479-0064  
Steven Hyder 734-474-1195  
Joseph A. Tringali 561-906-4642  
Mary Eiffert 760-567-8824  
Jack Skidmore 805-216-6261

### ANNUAL MEETING REVIEW

Mark Vadaj, Chair 440-479-0064  
Kathy Smith 619-905-4581  
Steven Hyder 734-474-1195  
Jack Skidmore 805-216-6261

### ANNUAL MEETING 2023

Marsha Landreth 805-889-0054

### ELECTIONS

Rosalie Davis-Green 310-508-5237  
Joel Kay 216-470-6141  
Sherry Barone 310-720-9610

### NOMINATIONS

Mark Vadaj, Chair 440-479-0064  
Kathy Smith 619-905-4581  
Robert "Buzz" Bisanz 770-337-8701  
Marge Bottari (Western Rep) 415-305-3425  
Open (Eastern Rep)

## ELECTED OFFICERS

### Northwestern Vice President

Jim Martinson (Laurie)  
2911 Briarwood Ct S  
Puyallup, WA 98374  
Tel: 253-318-4162  
jimandlaurieto@comcast.net

### Southwestern Vice President

Liz Allison  
1700 San Carlos Ave #302  
San Carlos, CA 94070  
Tel: 650-593-4649  
chocho2479@aol.com

### North Central Vice President

Rodger Dutton (Carolyn)  
13538 Venetian Dr  
Monroe, MI 48161  
Cell: 734-773-6539  
sail545@hotmail.com

### Southeastern Vice President

Dave Kowert (Christie)  
1236 Oak Hill Terrace  
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466  
Tel: 843-412-0137  
davekowert@bellsouth.net

### Northeastern Vice President

Open

Reflects Updates Received  
as of Dec. 9, 2022

## DISTRICT DIRECTORS

### District 1

Richard "Butch" Brown (Sallie)  
P.O. Box 307  
Port Gamble, WA 98364  
Tel: 360-960-8337  
Cell: 541-602-3220  
butchbrown83@gmail.com

### District 8

Mark Bills (Sandi)  
1309 Guilford Dr  
Venice, FL 34292  
Tel: 941-484-7033  
Cell: 941-376-4220  
mmbdmd@yahoo.com

### District 14

Liz Allison  
1700 San Carlos Ave #302  
San Carlos, CA 94070  
Tel: 650-593-4649  
chocho2479@aol.com

### District 20

Open

### District 26

Open

### District 3

Stephen D. Tisack (Marie)  
5843 Buffalo Street  
Sanborn, NY 14132  
Tel: 716-998-7938  
crew92fm@hotmail.com

### District 9

Sandi Kosinski  
2914 S 109th St  
Toledo, OH 43611  
Cell: 419-250-0245  
danceaway2010@hotmail.com

### District 15

Roger Robinson  
13526 Calle Colina  
Poway, CA 92064  
Cell: 858-518-8262  
nycsd@att.net

### District 21

Stephen Sawdon  
25422 Trabuco Rd  
Lake Forest, CA 92630  
Tel: 949-279-6262  
sailing7777@gmail.com

### District 27

Carl Treff  
Tel: 410-627-3093

### District 5

Jim Martinson (Laurie)  
2911 Briarwood Ct S  
Puyallup, WA 98374  
Tel: 206-243-8186  
jimandlaurieto@comcast.net

### District 10

Raymond Wilson (Bette)  
2653 Nipomo Ave  
Long Beach, CA 90815  
Tel: 562-627-1726  
Cell: 562-985-5767  
Wilson\_Kingsgambit@yahoo.com  
NipomoLB@yahoo.com

### District 16

Tom Shideler (Monica)  
2130 Jamestown Way  
Oxnard, CA 93035  
Tel: 805-443-8756  
shideler1@gmail.com

### District 22

Open

### District 50

Mark Vadaj (Robin)  
7505 Thatchum Lane  
Concord, OH 44060  
Tel: 440-350-1488  
Cell: 440-479-0064  
mvadaj@att.net

### District 6

Tom Youngblood (Bobbie)  
92-1289 Oahi Place  
Kapolei, HI 96707  
Tel: 808-672-7910  
Cell: 808-542-3780  
bobtoymyb@hawaii.rr.com

### District 11

Brian Keown (Stacy)  
P.O. Box 11833  
Marina Del Rey, CA 90292  
Cell: 310-625-2299  
brian@keown.net

### District 18

Dave Kowert (Christie)  
2653 Oak Hill Terrace  
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466  
Tel: 843-412-0137  
davekowert@bellsouth.net

### District 23

Open

### District 51

Walt Kadyk (Marti)  
5072 Pensier Street  
Las Vegas, NV 89135  
Tel: 702-790-1195  
Cell: 702-600-1934  
wskadyk@gmail.com

### District 7

Mark Cain  
20 River Road  
Eastlake, OH 44095  
Cell: 440-220-2000  
lakepropertyservice1@yahoo.com

### District 12

Open

### District 19

Jan Cutaita Iaconis (George)  
1753 Sycamore Dr  
Pittsburg, CA 94565  
Cell: 925-783-0812  
jcutaita@aol.com

### District 25

Jeff Upholzer (Teri)  
30620 Pointe Dr  
Gibraltar, MI 48173  
Cell: 734-775-7598  
Jeff@upholzer.com

### District 75

Keith Wardell (Patsy)  
Townhouse #6  
23 Barlett Street  
Riccarton, Christchurch  
New Zealand 8011  
Cell: 0064-274438465  
warpath1938@gmail.com

# 2023 Executive Committee



## PRESIDENT

**Kathleen Jo Smith (Gary)**

815 Ethel Place  
National City, CA 91950

Tel: 619-479-6292  
kathyswyc@aol.com



## IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

**Mark Vadaj (Robin)**

7505 Thatchum Lane  
Concord, OH 44060

Tel: 440-350-1488  
Cell: 440-479-0064  
markvadaj@gmail.com

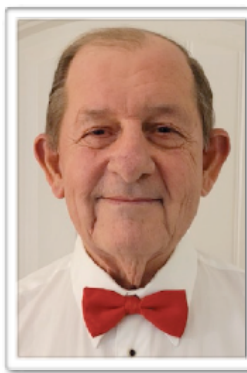


## PRESIDENT-ELECT

**Marsha Landreth**

P.O. Box 131  
Port Hueneme, CA 93044

Tel: 805-889-0054  
mlrs4742@gmail.com



## TREASURER

**JACK SKIDMORE (NANCY)**

P.O. Box 131  
Port Hueneme, CA 93044

Tel: 805-216-6261  
IOBG.IOC@gmail.com

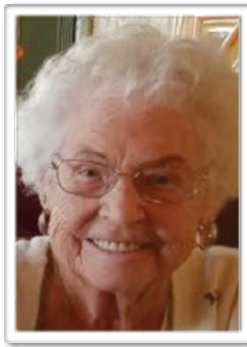


## FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

**STEVEN HYDER**

2200 Grand Blvd  
Monroe, MI 48162

Tel: 734-474-1195  
hyders@hyderlawfirm.net



## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

**MARY EIFFERT**

39906 Black Mesa lane  
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Tel: 760-567-8824  
meiffert32@gmail.com



## SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

**JOSEPH A. TRINGALI**

441 Marlin Road  
North Palm Beach, FL 33408

Tel: 561-848-4353  
Cell: 561-906-4642  
JATringali@calkinsharbor.com



Visit our web site at:  
[www.iobg.org](http://www.iobg.org)



Join us on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/  
InternationalOrderoftheBlueGavel](https://www.facebook.com/InternationalOrderoftheBlueGavel)



## *President Kathleen Jo Smith*

### **Let's talk about communication...**

Good news! For 2022-2023, Mary Nye Meyers has agreed to return as Editor of the LOG newsletter. She will also serve as Publications and Communications Director. We are planning three issues of the LOG this year, and will provide you with the deadlines for your articles. We rely on you for the content and hope you will provide photos, as well, for added visual interest.



It is unclear to me, at this time, about the final completion date of the new website. The lack of a website all year has made information about and from IOBG difficult to obtain. Hopefully we will soon have a date for the updated and fully transitioned site.

We will be using The Lighthouse this year for quick bursts of information. Watch for it in your email.

### **Let's talk about transparency...**

As I am not a fan of secret meeting. Most Executive Committee meetings will be open to all. They will be scheduled every other month with Executive Committee, Area Vice Presidents, Past Presidents and Directors all receiving the Zoom invite. Feel free to share the link with members who might be interested.

#### Executive Committee Meeting Dates:

Dec. 13, 2022

Feb. 21, 2023

April 18, 2023

June 20, 2023

Aug. 15, 2023

And I don't think the agenda should be stealth, either. The agenda for each meeting will go out one week before the meeting. All proposed Agenda Items must be submitted two weeks prior to the meeting, following the Agenda Building Document guidelines that will be emailed to you.

Minutes from these meetings will be posted on the website, if the new website has that capability, otherwise, they will be sent out a week prior to the next meeting.

This Annual Meeting was the first in person meeting we have had since 2019. District 15 worked very hard to meet our goals: Get members in boats, on the water, and in our yacht clubs. I hope everyone who attended had a positive experience and enjoyed San Diego.



I regret that the Executive Committee has determined no in-person Regional meetings for the coming year. I really enjoy the opportunity to meet our members in their home cities and yacht clubs.

Here's to a year filled with sunny days on the water, friendships, fulfilling endeavors and loving families.









## *President Elect Marsha Landreth*

**SAVE THE DATE...**October 12-14, 2023. Planning is underway for the 2023 Annual Meeting to be held at the Charleston Yacht Club in Charleston, South Carolina. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend. A big THANK YOU to Southeastern Area Vice President Dave Kowert for being the point man in Charleston. A trip to a plantation, a river cruise dinner, and many other ideas are in the works. More later...



I want to thank you for renewing your membership in IOBG for 2022. The price is more affordable, and we hope to keep the dues to \$25 by continuing to cut expenses. The membership was loud and clear at the 2019 Annual Convention about wanting the traveling by the Executive Committee curtailed. President Buzz Bisanz formed a committee chaired by PP Steve Willing to make recommendations about cutting expenses. The committee recommended eliminating the meeting in Portland as the first step. The Executive Committee rejected that recommendation 4-3, but with the change of officers, the EC approved the committee's findings the next year under President Buzz Bisanz.

We have also adopted the policy of using volunteer help instead of paid employees and cutting the International Operations Center's (IOC) expenses. Last month we voted to drop the remaining regional meeting from the schedule next year and replaced it with \$1,000 stipend to the five-line officers on the Executive Committee to represent the International at separate boating functions. The Executive Committee meets by Zoom once a month, which is enough to handle IOBG's business, and make regional meetings redundant. The one remaining high-ticket item is the Annual Meeting, which will be the one time we can all get together in person. Let's make the most of that opportunity.

If you are an Amazon buyer, please consider switching to Amazonsmile and naming the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation as your charity. The IOBGHF provides the boating community the ability to create real differences. A few years ago, the Foundation granted \$500 in seed money to District 16 for a Chowderfest to raise money for the Marine Museum. The Chowderfest made over \$100,00 in three years. Thank you, IOBGHF.

A BIG THANK YOU to outgoing Southeast Vice President Karen Shea for her hard work these past years in District 8 and 18. Karen, also, has made progress in growing the Northeast Area and will continue to make inroads in the Northeast chapters and yacht clubs. Thank you, Karen, for your years of service and dedication.

It was my pleasure to volunteer my services running the IOC this year. I really learned some geography and zip codes. We were able to compile a new Database this year. Thank you to the District Treasurers for helping collect all the need information. We will be able to streamline the process next year as only changes and new members' information will be needed. In November, I will send the treasurers an email about the procedure for sending the dues. If your District changes treasurer, please call (805) 216-6261 or send an email to the IOC.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your First Vice President this year, and I look forward to serving as your President Elect.

Continued...



President-Elect Report Continued...

In November, I visited the Waikiki Yacht Club and met with WYC Commodore Ron Griffey, IOBG member Ian Scott, and former member Stanley Thornton, Staff Commodore of Waikiki Yacht Club in 1983, who is rejoining IOBG. I struck up a conversation with another retired teacher, who studied in Colorado at same time I was in college. You never know who you are going to meet in paradise. Thank you Waikiki Yacht Club for being friendly and welcoming.



A couple of days later, our ship landed in Maui. IOBG member Jeff Kaiser picked us up at the port and drove us across the island to the Lahaina Yacht Club.

Jeff had the club fly the IOBG burgee in honor of my visit. How special was that!

Jeff Kaiser in front of the Lahaina Yacht Club.



We had a great lunch and toured the offices where I saw the club's Charter on the wall. On the way back to the ship Jeff took us to Costco where I picked up a couple dozen boxes of chocolate covered macadamias to bring home. Thank you, Jeff, for the very special day in paradise.

Telephone numbers and addresses of members are protected by the Privacy Act of 1974. As a matter of policy, rosters of names, addresses and telephone numbers shall not be made available to the general public or any outside organization. Privacy of all rosters shall be safeguarded and the page clearly labeled.

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.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**IOBG ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Charleston, South Carolina**  
**October 12-14, 2023**



## *First Vice President Steven Hyder*

Hello everyone, this is your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Steven Hyder.

I want to thank everyone for the support as your 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and now 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

I am excited to be part of this great team to lead this great organization. My goals for the upcoming year are to strengthen our communication with the Districts and Chapters and grow our membership.

If anyone in IOBG has a question or just wants to chat, you can contact me at any time. My email is [hyders@hyderlawfirm.net](mailto:hyders@hyderlawfirm.net). Please do not hesitate to send me an email.

As I get my feet wet in the new position, I do intend to email each District Director under my responsibility to get to know them. With continued communication we can grow our membership by keeping everyone informed what IOBG is doing and how we are working for the membership.

Pray that everyone has a blessed holiday season, relax and enjoy your family during this time. Looking forward to working with everyone this next year.



## *From the Newsletter Editor Mary Nye Meyers*

Greetings to my Blue Gavel Friends & Family,

President Kathy Smith asked me to return this year as LOG Newsletter Editor after my absence over a year ago. I had to make the difficult decision to resign my Blue Gavel duties as LOG Editor, Web Site Manager, Communications Director & International Executive Secretary.

Being a full-time caregiver to my husband Michael was the choice I had to make. After a long battle with cancer he passed away last year.

Thank you for your patience with this first issue of the LOG newsletter as I am trying to catch up on details and the many changes that have occurred over the past year. We are working to improve our distribution & communication by reinstating the use of the Lighthouse email bulletin.

I am looking forward to serving you again as President Kathy Smith's LOG Editor and Communications Director. The web site responsibility will remain with an outside, independent contractor.

It's good to be back with you all.

Happy 2023,

Mary Nye Meyers





## *Second Vice President Joseph Tringali*

Mary Lou and Joe Tringali are returning members of Palm Beach Sailing Club. Joe served on the Board of Directors and was Commodore in 2004 and 2005.

Joseph A. Tringali graduated from the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law and was admitted to practice in New York and Florida in 1971. He recently retired from the Florida Attorney General's Office, and now juggles being a full-time author with a limited private legal practice.



Mary Lou Tringali earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Florida Atlantic University and a Ph.D. in Management from the University of Phoenix. She retired after serving more than 20 years as a Victim Advocate for the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office and is now a full-time Beachbody coach, helping others to a healthier lifestyle.

He is a published author. Mr. Tringali wrote a two-volume protocol "bible" for yacht clubs, *Yachting Customs & Courtesies*, which was republished in 2017 in its Fourth Edition. He has also written the highly-acclaimed, *I Was That Baby*, the story of his adoption, along with three novels, *Harbor of Refuge* and *Harbor of Dreams*, two stories of the lives and loves of people who "liveaboard" at Cap'n Kelly's Marina in Calkins Harbor, a (fictional) small town in Southwest Florida that he says, "time forgot," and *A Quiet Family Murder* based on an actual case in which he represented the State of Florida on appeal.

He has also been published in the Florida Bar Journal, the Florida Criminal Law Journal, and several national and regional magazines. He was a national Rear Commander for United States Power Squadrons, where he served as Chair of the Flag and Etiquette Committee. He served four years as President of Friends of Fisher House, West Palm Beach, and as President of the Palm Beach County Guild of Catholic Lawyers. Further information is available at his website, [www.josephatringali.com](http://www.josephatringali.com).

Mr. Tringali was elected to three terms on the North Palm Beach Village Council, where he served as Councilman, President Pro-Tem, Vice-Mayor and Mayor. He is a Past Commodore of the North Palm Beach Yacht Club and the Palm Beach Sailing Club, and former statewide Commodore of the Florida Commodores' Association, and President of District 8 (Florida), International Order of the Blue Gavel. He is also a member of Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, and the International Brotherhood of Magicians, and has served those organizations in various offices at local, state and national levels. He is a Past Commander of Buffalo Power Squadron and founder and Past Commodore of the Great Lakes Chapter, Matthews Boat Owners Association. He held the rank of major in the Civil Air Patrol and served as a Squadron Commander and Deputy Group Commander in Western New York.

He and his wife, Mary Louise Tringali, have lived in Florida for almost 30 years, most of them in North Palm Beach (1973-76; 1990-present) where they attend (alternately) St. Clare Church and First Presbyterian Church.



## *Immediate Past President Mark Vadaj*

Members, IOBG Officers, Auxiliary, International Humanitarian Foundation and Prospective Members.

My journey to become a Member of the International Order of The Blue Gavel began over 20 years ago when I first became an officer of Lake County Yacht Club and became the Commodore in 2005. Later I also served as Commodore of Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club in 2009. I then became the District 7 president in 2012 following my mentor, Past President Lou Key. It was never a title that I sought after, but rather a desire to serve the boating community and mankind regardless of land or sea. I would like to think that through the vehicle of the IOBG that I have served you well and to the best of my abilities. I hope you approve and will be inspired by what the IOBG has done during the past two decades.

We have come so far in just 12 months that I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the Executive Board for their support and contributions. Especially Immediate Past President Buzz Bisanz and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Marsha Landreth. The operations of the IOBG is much more than just one or even a few members and officers. It is a complete team of volunteers who contribute above and beyond the expectations of a IOBG member. Special Thank You and recognition to Recording Secretary Joyce Jackson-Coomber who does not officially wear the officer uniform but contributes so much to IOBG by recording the business of IOBG monthly.

But the two special people in my life that I have the most to thank is my wife Robin who has served along side me as a two club Auxiliary President, a 2012 District President, the only Auxiliary President who served two-year terms as Auxiliary District Director, 2<sup>nd</sup>. V.P., 1<sup>st</sup>. V.P., President Elect and President. The other person is my daughter Rachel who sacrificed our time together so that I could fulfill my duties as an officer and IOBG member. I now have a great deal of catching up to do.

Moving to the next calendar year I have a few request of all members of the IOBG.

- a. Bring a Past Commodore and or Chapter in the fold of IOBG.
- b. Bring an Auxiliary into the fold of the IOBGA.
- c. Whether you are a member or an officer or a past president of IOBG, rather than criticize what is wrong, please look at how much is right and become involved vs. complaining. Enthusiasm is contagious, negativity is destructive and embarrassing. Lets not make IOBG political.
- d. Whether you are a member or a past president, be the leader in your chapter and club by providing value and benefit to all boaters.
- e. Membership in the IOBG is a commitment for life, not a 1-year term.

Both myself as IOBG President and my wife Robin as IOBGA President thoroughly enjoyed our years in leadership roles. The journey was long but we greatly value the relationships and friendships we have made along the way. We hope that we have improved the membership, value, organization and future of the IOBG, IOBGA and IOBGHF. Thank you for those who have supported us and those who will come after our term. The IOBG is in a better place today than ever and the future is bright.

Please take a moment to acknowledge the members who suffered loss of life, boats, and homes during the recent hurricane in Florida. We have members who are directly impacted.

Thank You Once Again For Your Renewed Commitment To: "Yachting's Most Prestigious Fraternity"

**2022**  
**Summary of Actions from the Executive Board**

Please share the accomplishments below with all members and clubs so that the IOBG has an increased footprint.

- New International Operations Center (IOC): Moving from San Diego, California to the Greater Los Angeles Area. International Operations Center, P.O. Box 131, Port Hueneme CA. 93044, 805-896-5555
- Installing a New International Treasurer – P/C Jack Skidmore
- Transfer of bank accounts and checking accounts to new IOC. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Marsha Landreth/Treasurer Jack
- Establishing new IOC address, phone, internet, and P.O. Box. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Marsha Landreth
- New computer platform, operating systems and application support.
- Supply chain issues to obtain blanks for membership cards.
- Converting all IOBG paper documents to digital media for archives and sharing. - Exec.Sec. Mary Eiffert
- New Social Media (Facebook) reaching 100's to 1000's per post. Increasing IOBG brand.
- New IOBG, IOBGA, IOBGHF web site under construction and refinement now.  
Including Modern Architecture and Identical Template Based Cross Referencing Sites. Launching Today!!!
- Revitalization of the International Humanitarian Foundation under the Director Lee Homyock.  
New web site and new business plan.
- New Districts coming online and into membership with the IOBG. Including:
  - Chesapeake Bay Area including Maryland, Virginia, Delaware and more.
  - Greater Boston Massachusetts Areas including the Yacht Clubs of America.
  - Western Great Lakes, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Lake Michigan Sail and Racing Federation.
  - Al Koran Shriners – Nationwide.
  - Northern Arizona
- Huge Success in the State of Florida with both new and returning members thanks to P/C Joseph Tringali including Jacksonville, Tampa, Miami and in between.
- Newly revised Log which is a fraction of the cost of previous publications. Marsha Landreth/Mark Vadaj
- Additional negotiations with retail marine supply vendors.
- Trimming unnecessary expenses from the budget for a more efficient operation. Executive Board
- Lowering the International Membership Rates to \$25.00
- More money in the bank account in 10/22 than 10/21.
- Membership is up period ending 10/2021.

Continued...

## Summary Actions from the Executive Board ...Continued...

October 16<sup>th</sup> 2021:

No Action Taken

November 16<sup>th</sup> 2021:

- Accepted Mary Nye Meyers resignation as IOBG Executive Secretary due to personal reasons which were perfectly understood by all Executive Board members.
- Executive Committee learned that the Humanitarian Foundation, on July 2019, had their 501(C)3 status revoked in the state of California.
- Returned the expensive postage meter for reasons of not being a cost effective means of postage
- President Elect moved to extend to Marshall Nemoy a Lifetime Membership. Motion Denied.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. Steve Hyder – Motion to not charge \$21.00 for Log subscriptions for those who paid subscriptions in 2020 but did not receive a Log that was not published.

December 14<sup>th</sup> 2021:

- Motion that no member would be paid for work or services done for the IOBG. Should employees be required, the IOBG will contract outside services at competitive rates. Motion Carried.
- Mary Eiffert was appointed to the position of Executive Secretary beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>. 2022.
- Consensus to purchase New Membership Card Machine. Will execute when this current machine completely fails. It is currently on its last leg and should be replaced before the end of the current year. Due to price and availability this effort may require extra time.
- The effort of Communications Director would be divided and assumed by Immediate Past President Buzz Bisanz, President Mark Vadaj, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Marsha Landreth. 3 Logs have been published in this term vs. 2 in 18 Months. A 4<sup>th</sup> Edition should be published after the Annual Convention.
- Donations to the Humanitarian Foundation in the names of those who have crossed the bar.

January 16<sup>th</sup> 2022: Special Executive Meeting:

- 2<sup>nd</sup>. V.P. Steve Hyder moved to reimburse Secretary Mary Eiffert's travel expense estimated at \$350.00 to Washington State to relocate the paper files, start to manually digitize all paper documents. Motion Carried.
- 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Marsha Landreth moved to develop New Website at \$850.00. Motion Carried.
- President Mark was authorized to formally request Website Credentials from Mary Nye Meyers.

January 18<sup>th</sup> 2022:

- Domain Name Registration. Kathy will talk to Marshall to transfer registration of Domain Name. (Credentials have not been surrender for Domain Name Ownership)
- AVP's are to document their travel/visits before being reimbursed. Reimbursement is for the purpose of Outreach and Recruitment to prospective new members and chapters.
- Refinement of Value Added Program. Needs a Chairperson.

Continued...

## Summary Actions from the Executive Board ...Continued...

February 15<sup>th</sup> 2022:

- Spring Meeting was cancelled due to Covid and availability of facilities.

March 15<sup>th</sup> 2022:

- Both Mark and Kathy will be knighted by the Rosarians in Portland at their own expense.
- Permanent Membership Cards discussed – No Action Taken.

April 19<sup>th</sup> 2022:

- On-going discussion with Shriners and Mariners to join the IOBG. Ronn Murphy, International President, is leading the effort.

May 21<sup>st</sup> 2022:

- Web site efforts and discussions.

June 21<sup>st</sup> 2022:

- Value Add cooperation with vendors is an ongoing discussion. Must find someone to Chair.

July 19<sup>th</sup> 2022:

- Discussed incorporating a joint virtual and in-person meeting for the 2022 Convention. President-Elect opposed. Meeting will be on-site only.
- Domain Name Registration: Per 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. Steve Hyder, Marshall claims that he is the owner of the Domain Name. Mary Nye Meyers will send an email to the Executive Board informing us the cost and how to make the transition.
- Report on Nominating Committee stated that only one letter on intent was submitted for each of the open offices. Motion to accept the report from Nominating Committee was carried.

August 16<sup>th</sup> 2022:

- Report of Audit Committee was accepted.

September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022:

- Bylaws were revised line by line. Motion to present to the Board of Directors carried.
- Regional Meetings to be eliminated. Motion Carried.
- Motion to accept 2023 Budget. Motion Carried.

Mark Vadaj

Immediate Past President – IOBG





## *Past President Robert P. "Buzz" Bisanz*

I was Commodore of the Allatoona Yacht Club, Atlanta, GA, in 1987 and again in 1991. It wasn't until 2005 that I happen to find a listing on the internet for an association of Past Commodores of Yacht Clubs and I immediately signed up as a member.

Over the past 17 years I have served IOBG in various capacities of leadership at the district level and the international level. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those I worked with for your support for the years I did serve in the various leadership roles. My wife Nancy and I enjoyed the travel to various cities and states visiting yacht clubs and boat clubs meeting with fellow members of IOBG. The immediate past 12 years was quite a ride. Thank you for your friendship and hospitality throughout those years.

It is now time for me to step aside from the Immediate Past President role and watch the organization from a distance and support the current leadership. I hope that the changes we implemented on behalf of the members of IOBG continue to prosper and improve the environment for all of our members.

The position we initiated with the reduction of the International dues to \$25 down from \$50 was a massive improvement to IOBG when you consider that we have over \$255,000 in our bank account. We have recognized that our travel budget is no longer necessary to accomplish the task of introducing the leadership to the members. An internet product called ZOOM provides the up close and personal opportunity of bringing the leadership team right into the living room of each of our members eliminating travel cost and supporting our lower membership dues. The Executive Committee has agreed that the Annual Meeting will be the only onsite membership wide meeting each year supported by IOBG funding. We are encouraging our senior leadership team to travel to IOBG events throughout the year. In turn we have proposed a budget of \$1,000 per year to assist in offsetting the travel expenses for each of our senior leadership team. This we hope will provide our members the opportunity to meet with our leaders one on one in a cost effective environment. We hope you agree and when the senior leadership representative comes to visit, you will take advantage of this visit.

We also have incorporated an education section within our IOBG.org website for our members to take advantage of in keeping updated on yacht club customs and boating regulations. You can select a vast number of articles and short videos on a number of subject matters at your convenience.

During my year as President, I required our treasurer to provide the Executive Committee with a copy of our monthly bank statement along with a list of each check written and received during the month. Identification of these checks as to the recipient or the name of the person sending us money was requested. I also requested the list of hours and list of activities of the treasurer's employee that posted work for IOBG each month. Since IOBG was paying over \$1,000 per month to the Treasurer's employee we needed to see what amount of work was being completed on our behalf. Information we gained from these reporting updates enlightened us to make drastic changes in the area of our finances which included the dues reduction.

Other member centric changes have been made to the betterment of the organization. I hope you agree we are now becoming a stronger organization and one that keeps it's members in charge.

Again, thank you for your support as I served on the IOBG Executive Committee and as President. You can be assured I will continue to be active in IOBG as a Past President.

## *Education Director Linda Loftis*



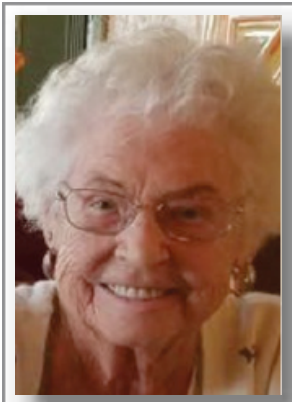
It's Winter and time to get your boat and water equipment in order.

Check the batteries, the smoke detectors, your lifejackets and make sure they are clean and functioning. Also check that the boat's thruhulls, which allows the passage of liquids or gases through a hull, are clear... check, check, check.

Yep that's the motto... "Be safe out on the water". Make sure if you're on a paddle board or SUP (Stand Up Paddle Board) you've got a helmet and life jacket.



Remember we really want to enjoy the water and be safe. [Lindaloftis@att.net](mailto:Lindaloftis@att.net)



## *International Exec. Secretary Mary Eiffert*

I have scanned the IOBG records (1954 – Present) onto thumb drives . There are 4 thumb drives, one-history, one-minutes thru 2006, one-charters issued, finally auxiliary charters. This will be sent to the (cloud) to be determined later. This was very time consuming. Much of the history was written on different sized papers and had to be hand fed into a scanner. Many also had staples that had to be removed. Approximately 300 hours were spent doing this.

I copied the IOBG web site list of yacht clubs with charters. This list does not have the date of the charter. I am going thru the list I have on the thumb drive to add the charter dates. Also I have found yacht clubs that are not listed on the website. Maybe they no longer exist, are new, or no one knows that a charter was issued.

I will send the list to the Area Vice Presidents for your area when completed. This was done to make it easier to find the copies of charters that are on the thumb drive.

So far I have spent about 90 hours on this project.

There were no new charters issued.



*N.B.F. Representative Marlene Barrington*

NBF Past President - IOBG Delegate & District 1 Member

Earl Waesche, NBF Legislative Director

Email: [ewaesche@comcast.net](mailto:ewaesche@comcast.net)

### **Biden-Harris Administration Announces First-Ever Offshore Wind Lease Sale in the Pacific**

**Washington:** In a new development in the pursuit of a clean energy future, the Department of the Interior announced that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) will hold an offshore wind energy lease sale on Dec. 6, 2022, for areas on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) off central and northern California. This will be the first-ever offshore wind lease sale on America’s west coast and the first-ever U.S. sale to support potential commercial-scale floating offshore wind energy development. This will be critical to achieving the Biden-Harris administration’s deployment goals of 30 gigawatts (GW) of offshore wind energy by 2030 and 15 GW of offshore wind energy by 2035.

“The demand and momentum to build a clean energy future is undeniable. I am proud of the teams at the Interior Department that are moving forward at the pace and scale required to help achieve the President’s goals to make offshore wind energy, including floating offshore wind energy, a reality for the United States”, said **Secretary Deb Haaland**. “Today, we are taking **another step toward unlocking the immense offshore wind energy potential off our nation’s west coast** to help combat the effects of climate change while lowering costs for American families and creating good paying union jobs.”

In May 2021, Secretary Haaland and California’s Gavin Newsom joined **Biden-Harris administration leaders to announce an agreement to advance areas for wind energy development** offshore the northern and central coasts of California. The California sale reflects the leasing path announced last year by Secretary Haaland and last month’s announcement of a new deployment goal of 15 GW of floating offshore wind energy by 2035.

BOEM will offer five California OCS lease areas that total approximately 373,268 acres with the potential to produce over 4.5 GW of offshore wind energy, power more than 1.5 million homes, and support thousands of new jobs. “Today’s announcement represents years of close coordination and engagement with the state of California, Tribes, ocean users, local communities and all interested parties to move us closer towards achieving the administration’s vision to fight climate change and realizing California’s clean energy future, while creating a domestic supply chain and good-paying union jobs,” said BOEM Director Amanda Lefton, who will deliver remarks at the Offshore WINDPOWER 2022 Conference. “BOEM remains committed to ensuring transparency and active engagement with stakeholders throughout the post-season leasing process,”

**Fishing & Boating Industry Pushes Back on NOAA’s Proposed Offshore Speed Limits:** The population of North Atlantic right whales is in serious trouble, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) says it’s almost entirely the fault of boaters. But their proposed, expanding Atlantic Coast speed limits to include smaller boats isn’t popular with the charter fishing business or recreational boating advocates. Of NOAA’s proposed changes, which extend the current mandatory seasonal speed limits of 10 knots or less in designated areas of the ocean and would apply to most vessels measuring 35 to 65 feet in length, instead of 65 feet and over. “We urge the agency to pause its rule making process and engage with our industry to determine a better path forward that protects the North Atlantic right whale and the health of the recreational and fishing industry.”

# Northwestern V.P. Jim Martinson Districts 1 & 5



Ahoy from the Northwest. This will be a bit different than my usual report as I have been dealing with continuing surgery recovery issues that started in September. Because of this situation I was unable to participate in the District 1 Change of Watch weekend held at the Clearwater Casino Resort. It was reported to me that it was a great success and if anyone did not attend, they missed an enjoyable time with their fellow members. I urge all our Dist. 1 members to come to any or all of our events. It will be enlightening and enhancing to your membership in the Blue Gavel.

I also was not able to attend the International Annual meeting weekend held in San Diego in October. I want to thank District 1 Executive Secretary Mary Nye Meyers and President Dean Smith for representing District 1 at the business meetings. This is another IOBG event that any member can attend and come away with pride as a Blue Gavel member.

District 1 continues to hold monthly Zoom meetings and invites any interested members to tune in and be involved in our events. Planning of the Spring meeting in April, our special attendance at Seattle Yacht Club's Opening Day in May, the Summer Picnic in July, and the Change of Watch in September have begun and feedback from our fellow members would be appreciated. Please reach out and participate.

District 1  
Butch Brown, District Director

Hello from District 1 in the beautiful Pacific Northwest.

• District 1 has had a productive year in 2022. Despite continuing concerns with COVID, we managed to have three productive in-person meetings.

- Our spring meeting was held in the eastern part of the state in Prosser, Washington. Between meetings and dinners, there was plenty of wine tasting available at the local wineries.
- Our summer picnic was held in Pacific City, Oregon. The weather was great and although attendance was low due to sickness of some members, everyone had a great time on the Oregon Coast.



District 1  
Butch Brown, District Director

- District 1's fall meeting and Change of Watch was held in western Washington in September at the Clearwater Casino in Poulsbo, WA. Meetings were productive and we installed a full Executive Board & Trustees for our 2022 - 2023-year. I was pleased to install W. Dean Smith as our incoming President.



- D1 has been able to maintain our membership at 57 members. We have had a couple of members pass away this year but have inducted new members to keep our numbers up. This year we intend to increase our effort to increase membership.
- D1 is still having a monthly Board meeting the first Wednesday of each month via Zoom. This increases communications with board members. All members are invited to attend and share comments.
- District 1 also participates in Seattle Yacht Club's Opening Day ceremonies by having a boat in the boat parade. Thank you Bob Weber! Over 4,000 spectators attend this event every year.



We are looking forward to a very productive year in 2023.

Southwestern V.P. Liz Allison  
Districts 6, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 19 & 21



I am thrilled & honored to have been elected Southwestern Area Vice President at the Annual Meeting in San Diego. I plan on continuing with Past SWVP Shelia Anderson's practice of holding regular Zoom meetings with the District Directors. I am getting my own account and will soon be seeing you. Nothing, though, can beat in-person interaction. I will be traveling down from San Francisco to see as many of you as possible. Opening Days are of particular interest.

The time I spent in San Diego was filled with yacht club visits and an Oktoberfest dinner & party. The grand finale was the Change of Watch & President's Ball. Each of the four clubs we visited had its own style. That is what makes going to other clubs so interesting. Each has something I can learn from. Our hotel, The Bay Club, offered comfy rooms and a fabulous view of the Marina.

These meetings are so enjoyable that I encourage attendance even if you are not an officer. A peek at next October's 2023 Annual Meeting. It will be in Charlestown, South Carolina. Such an historic destination deserves more than Wednesday to Sunday. I'm doing, as I did in San Diego, taking a week & soaking up all the y'all's possible.

Closer to home I am planning on Portland's Rose Festival in June. I am also wanting to sound out Southwestern officers & members about a Regional meeting in Hawaii. Lets go & encourage our Island members.

As the year ends let's take note of all the new members possible at the various COWs. An idea is to encourage clubs to make those new staff commodores, that you feel would be good members, IOBG members with the first year's initiation & dues paid for them.

District 10  
Rodney Coomber, District Director

District 10 has 50 paid members. District 10 members were invited to participate with Navy Yacht Club Long Beach in a wine tasting hosted and conducted by myself and Joyce Jackson-Coomber. It was very successful and enjoyed by all attending. The event was a blind tasting and everyone enjoyed trying to guess the varietals.

A couple of times we held our board meetings at different restaurants and invited the membership to join us. Meeting at a restaurant encourages our members to come out while they get to experience what we do at a board level. A few of our members have even shown interest in joining the board in this coming year.

An outing to hear the free music in the park in Huntington Beach was enjoyed by several members during the summer concerts in the park series.

Several of our members who were attending the installation of international officers have enjoyed all of the festivities.

We are planning to hold our District 10 installation of Officers at a restaurant owned by one of our members.

District 11  
Brian Keown, A.District Director

We have 71 members. To start off the year we began with our Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser hosted at Port Royal Yacht Club and donating to the King Harbor Youth Foundation.

We continued our activities by having a trip to the Botanical Gardens at The Arboretum. Additionally we had a BBQ, we call a Windy Q, at South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club where we all brought our own meat to grill and just had a great time hanging out and chatting.

District 14  
Liz Allison, District Director

Treasure Island is an island in San Francisco Bay, California that was built for the 1939 World's Fair. On Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, District 14 had a fun Meet & Greet at Treasure Island YC in San Francisco. It was a Taco & Tostada Bar with 4 hot dishes & lots of fixings. We also had new people come and they expressed an interest in becoming active.

Our Board for 2023 is - Reggie Smith of Treasure Island YC President, Vice President is Erich Schoenwisner of Metropolitan YC, Secretary is Brad Snyder of Barbary Coast Boat Club, Treasurer is Colleen Stauss of Loch Lomond YC & Director Liz Allison of Metropolitan YC.

Our goals for the new year

Quick billing for renewals

Bringing new members to the joint District 14 & District 19 Induction Lunch in February

Bringing in a new chapter at Aeolian YC

District 15  
Roger Robinson, District Director

Our much-delayed Change of Watch installation and dinner meeting was held on Friday, February 18, 2022 at SWYC. This was our first District 15 in-person meeting in over a year. It was good to see everyone and was an enjoyable evening for all. We had 32 in attendance and was a good start for our activities planned for this year.

We conducted our annual Yacht Club Management Seminar on Saturday, February 19, 2022, on Zoom. The meeting was a success and we had attendance of yacht club board members from Moro Bay all the way to Chula Vista. We had great participation by Southern California Yacht Association members as we combined SCYA with our IOBG invitation list. The 3.5 hour management seminar had six presentation sessions and 49 attendees.

President Simon Dekker led an IOBG 'Community Outreach for Yacht Clubs and Boating Associations' workshop via Zoom on Wednesday evening, May 11, 2022. This workshop presented a definition of Community Outreach Programs with an open discussion on the benefits of diversity in the boating and yachting community. Invitations to attend this free workshop were widely distributed throughout the southern California area.

District 15 board members represented the IOBG by attending the district's yacht club opening days and monthly San Diego Association of Yacht Club's meetings to retain and recruit members and encourage Past Commodores to join and be active with IOBG in supporting our local yacht club community.

The IOBG Southwestern Area Vice President Shelia Anderson has initiated a monthly Zoom meeting of the Southwestern Area District Directors. This has greatly facilitated the communication between the districts of ideas and thoughts in reinvigorating our chapters and districts post-Covid.

The Director and other members of the Board attended the non-funded western regional meeting in Portland in June during the Rose Festival. This meeting had the added attraction of being able to witness our 'very own' IOBG President Elect Kathy Smith's knighting ceremony by the Royal Rosarians. ...Report Continued...

District 15 Report Continued...

For the October Annual Meeting in San Diego, the District 15 Board and Chapters assisted in the planning and preparation for the events for the meeting and installation of Kathy Smith as the 2023 International President of IOBG.

We joined with our IOBGA members for a very successful fundraiser to help support the planned activities as we welcome the IOBG members to our beautiful San Diego area.

We currently have a total of 78 members as of August 31, 2022.

The following events are planned for the remainder of this year's schedule:

Change of Watch Dinner Meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at SWYC

Board Meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at SWYC

District 16  
Tom Shideler, District Director

This has been a good year for District 16. Paid membership is almost doubled from last year. We had a very successful barbecue in August that included inviting active Bridge Officers from our clubs and we have scheduled a December 15th holiday party.

Our Board is active and is functioning well. IOBG was represented at all Opening Days this season.

District 19  
George Iaconis, District Director

District 19 has returned to normal with in-person meetings as the Covid-19 pandemic has slowed and in-person restrictions have been lifted.

On February 27th we held our Induction Luncheon at Pittsburg Yacht Club where we inducted 8 new members.

On August 21st we held our General Membership/Nomination Meeting at Discovery Bay Yacht Club

On Oct 9th we held our general membership meeting along with Elections and Inductions for 2023 Officers.

The 2023 Board is as follows:

District Director – Jan Cutaia-Iaconis

President – Rich Dooley

Vice President – Sheryl Cados

Secretary - Patricia Atkins

Treasurer – Jan Cutaia Iaconis

Due to extraordinary efforts of our Flag Officers, who reached out to existing members of 2021, we continue with good numbers for renewals for 2022. Our membership in 2021 was 136 total new and renewal memberships. Our membership for 2022 stands at 142.

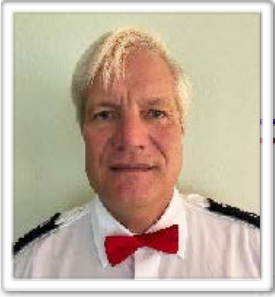
At the August 21st general meeting, District 19 voted to keep non-specified Humanitarian donations local. This was discussed in length and decided that since we are never informed what the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation does with the money, District 19 will keep those funds at the local level. The membership voted to donate those funds (\$426.00) to Ebony Boat Club for their scholarship fund. Some discussion was held about next year's funds with the mention of "Meals on Wheels". This will be decided next year.

The internet based membership renewal process proposed in 2021 never came to fruition so we mailed out our 2022 renewals as in previous years. It was decided that this process works best for District 19 so we will continue on this steady course for 2023.



# North Central V.P. Rodger Dutton

## Districts 7, 9, 23 & 25



Well winter is here but there are Blue Gavel events ongoing. District 9's "Lights before Christmas" hosted by Toledo Sail Club is a fun charity event.

Congrats to D7 for winning the District Achievement award! Great job attracting new members.

I hope all reading this is renewing for 2023. You are what makes the IOBG a great organization.

Merry Christmas to all...

District 9  
Dean Reamsnyder, Alternate District Director

The most recent function to report in IOBG District #9 is our Fall Meeting held at Perrysburg Boat Club which was named after Commodore Perry who defeated the British Navy at the Battle of Lake Erie in 1812. His battle cry is often quoted, "Don't Give Up the Ship".

The current Commodore of Perrysburg Boat Club Phil LaCourse took the reins as our new President of District #9. We welcomed four new Vice Presidents to oversee the six geographical areas of Western Lake Erie, as well as the Maumee River and the Sandusky Bay regions.

The President Elect position remains open and our Past President Sandy Kosinski, acclimated to District Director.

At the meeting Treasurer Rob Wolas, stated our total membership was 235 members.

With our fundraising efforts we have over \$1000.00 for our selected charities. Those organizations chosen this year are the Junior Sailing program at Jolly Rogers Sailing Club in Point Place, Ohio, located on the Ottawa River.

Also, a new effort to assist the Lake Erie Historical Society to find a permanent home for a multitude of Maritime articles accumulated over the last century which were previously languishing in an old, dusty building on South Bass Island in Put-In-Bay.

The site chosen was Toledo Yacht Club, the oldest club on the Great Lakes. With TYC already displaying many trophies and relics from the past, as well as Marine Art, this was a perfect fit to showcase what the Historical Society had put together over many years. A lot of it relates to the competitions held each summer for the Power and Sail Regatta's at Put-In-Bay, perpetuated by the Inter-Lake Yachting Association, since the late 1800's.

Continued...

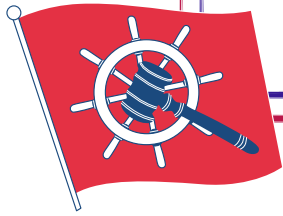
District 9 Report Continued... I think its important to mention the close relationship that District's 9, 7, 25 have when it comes to events like the IOBG reception put on to honor those Past Commodores affiliated with the Inter-Lake Yachting Association clubs annually held at the Put-In-Bay Yacht Club. This year we were honored, during the Power Boat Regatta, to have a guest speaker, Mark Vadaj, the IOBG President.

In late September, District #7 hosted a tour of wineries along the Eastern shoreline of Lake Erie. District #9 was the first to crash the party and soon followed by District #25. Over the years, this event unites Commodore's friends and family together.

As the Christmas season approaches, the IOBG Auxiliary has scheduled a fundraiser at the Toledo Sailing Club, which is adjacent to the Toledo Zoo. The Zoo features the "Lights Before Christmas" with every tree, bush and buildings covered in a dazzling display of holiday lights. Our group will tour the Lights and proceed to the Sailing Club for a potluck and social hour. Teddy Bears, Toys and Toiletries will be collected and presented to the local Ronald McDonald house to make a child's Christmas a little bit better.

*Northeastern V.P. - Open*  
*Districts 3, 12, 20, 22, 26 & 27*

*No Reports Submitted...*



Southeastern *V.P. Dave Kowert*  
Districts 8 & 18

Karen Shea  
Past Southeastern Vice President

I want to thank my International and District 8 Officers and friends for all their support and friendship over the years. I have served 7 years as District 8 Director and 5 years as Southeastern VP and I've thoroughly enjoyed it.

This is the first Annual meeting and Change of Watch I've missed since 2016, but today I'm in Mykonos, Greece. A trip planned since 2017!

You will see me around since I'm still a Humanitarian Foundation Director and the Treasurer for the past few years.

District 8  
Karen Shea, District Director

District 8 membership count as of August 1, 2022 is 232 compared to 210 in 2021 paid members plus 3 Past Presidents (P/P's Richard Janiszewski (2008), Joe Dowdell (2016) and Bud Higginson (2019). We now have 19 Chapters. We are now working on Mount Dora to activate as a new Chapter. President Kathy Hockenberry sent out individual applications and letters to all members. I don't think we will recover St Andrew's Yacht Club because it is involved with the Florida Commodores Association as it is in the Panhandle.

P/C Tringali's Meet and Greet at North Palm Beach was a great success, and we were able to bring back members from both Lighthouse Point and Coral Ridge Yacht Clubs. We will continue to try to activate our inactive Chapters especially those who are Florida Council of Yacht Club members.

President Hockenberry was very successful in membership retention and growth which is proven by 2022 percentage of 100% compared to 83% in 2021. She has done a great job of increasing membership in the face of Covid and has continued to have safe, face to face meetings along with Zoom conferences. We had a very successful District meeting at St Augustine Yacht Club on April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, both business meetings were conducted, and fun was had by all.

Our Change of Watch was scheduled for September 30 - October 1, 2022 at Gulf Harbors Yacht Club but Hurricane Ian had different plans. As the SEVP and D8 Director, I participate in almost all the monthly, regional and Annual Change of Watch IOBG meetings by Zoom.

I continue to ask our D8 Chapter Presidents to work on several areas within their Yacht Clubs.

1. Add an IOBG tab on their Yacht Club website. Just start off with the IOBG mission statement and who your current Chapter Board is and maybe a few pictures.
2. Add a link to both our D8IOBG.org & IOBG.org website. We have 7 out of 19 YC's who have IOBG info/ tabs on their website. (Dunedin BC, Clearwater YC, Gulf Harbors YC, Isles YC, Pelican Isle YC, St Augustine & Venice YC)
3. Be an ambassador for the IOBG when you have Regattas and other events involving other yachts clubs and set up an IOBG card table with brochures, etc.

District 18  
 Dave Kowert, District Director

I am happy to report we have seen significant positive movement in our recruitment effort over the past 9 months. The reduction in IOBG dues will make it easier for Past Commodores to "try it" and see if they want to remain involved. Kudos to all for making that happen. Here in Charleston, we added three new members over the past months and have 6 additional Past Commodores expressing more than casual interest.

While Covid foiled our attempts to get an introductory BBQ together over the summer, our plan is to make that happen at the Charleston Yacht Club in November. Date still TBD based on when I can get the Flag Room for free. We have a list of more than 20 Past Commodores each of which will get an invitation to attend for a simple sharing and social night sponsored by IOBG. In return, we (I) get to pitch them on membership and its benefits.

I have also had a request to provide some support (time not \$\$) to Charleston Community Sailing. They are looking for some volunteers to help with some dock tasks, some very minor boat repairs, and some on the water supervision with their instructors. I think it's a perfect way to coalesce support for IOBG and do some real GOOD in the process.

I would like to support International with any meeting in the District 18 area. It would be my pleasure to help in any way I can and mobilize our Charleston area or other fellow State members like Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, and North Carolina who will pitch in to make that event as special as possible. Having something important to DO is a great way to show that the organization is active.

While we do not do this nearly often enough, I do want to thank Marsha Landreth and Buzz Bisanz for your constant and consistent leadership and encouragement as we work to rebuild this District. You both have been a great example and I appreciate all you have done.

1380 Centerville Lane #32 Gardnerville, NV 89410-9715 Email: Comsignia@aol.com www.commodoreinsignia.com		775-782-3380 800-315-7485 Fax: 775-782-3380
---	--	---

IOBG Blazer emblems are authorized for sale by Commodore Insignia. These emblems have the Blue Gavel Burgee on the left staff and the Commodore's club on the right staff. They are available in a white, black & navy background and the price is \$29.95 each plus shipping and tax.

**BLAZER EMBLEMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR THE AUXILIARY**

To order: Send this order form with a color sample of club burgee (business card or letterhead - we may have burgee on file) to Commodore Insignia. You can telephone your order using (800)-315-7485 or our Fax: (775) 782-4003.

Quantity	Black	White	Navy	Unit Price	Total
IOBG Blazer Emblem					
Auxiliary Blazer Emblem					

Please Print

I am a paid up member of IOBG District # \_\_\_\_\_ Yacht Club \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 IOBGA District # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Ship to: \_\_\_\_\_

The above will be verified. Member will be billed for emblems when shipped.

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Addresses: \_\_\_\_\_



# IOBG Auxiliary



## 2023 OFFICERS



### President

**Mary Kay Inguagiato - Dist. 9**

210 W. Front St #1003  
Concord, OH 44060

Cell: 440-479-0065  
Email: robinvadaj@gmail.com



### President-Elect

**Belen Poltorak - Dist. 15**

5884 Ridgemoor Dr  
San Diego, CA 92120

Cell: 619-368-5130  
Email: belen.poltorak@pearson.com

**Open**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

**Open**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**



### Secretary

**Laurie Weiss - Dist. 16**

4137 Sunset Lane  
Oxnard, CA 93035

Cell: 805-218-7226  
Email: slweiss119@gmail.com



### Treasurer

**Mary Romano - Dist. 7**

4372 Bob White Trace  
Powell, OH 43065

Cell: 216-870-0529  
Email: marysueromano@gmail.com



### Immediate Past President

**Robin Vadaj - Dist. 7**

7505 Thatchum Lane  
Concord, OH 44060

Cell: 440-479-0065  
Email: robinvadaj@gmail.com

## DIRECTORS

### Northwest:

Open - Dist. 1

### Southwest:

Open

### North Central:

Gina Aune - Dist. 7  
440-669-5645  
ginabling@oh.rr.com

### Northeast:

Margo Smith - Dist. 3  
716-691-7626  
margots135@gmail.com

### Southeast:

Ethel Keith - M.A.L.  
216-337-7035  
mrsethel.keith@gmail.com

### England:

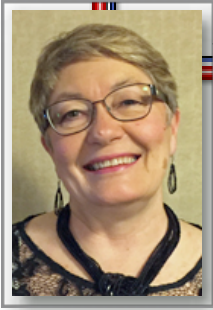
Open - Dist. 70

### Hawaii:

OPEN - Dist. 6



# International Order of the Blue Gavel Auxiliary



## *President Mary Kay Inguagiato*

Hello, Fellow International Order of the Blue Gavel Auxiliary Members!

My name is Mary Kay Inguagiato. I am the newly installed president of our IOBGA. Let me give you some background about myself. My husband Larry and I joined the IOBG/IOBGA in 2009 following his Commodore year. At my first district meeting the District 9 Treasurer was wanting to pass on the district treasurer duties. Easy, just collect dues and forward names and dues to the International Treasurer. How hard can that be? The hard part was finding someone to take my job when I wanted to move on. I know many of you have had the same experience. Just this fall I am pleased to announce a good soul came to my aid and is now District 9 Treasurer. Thank you, Pam Myers! During those years, I was also District 9 President.

Larry and I attended our first Annual Meeting in Cleveland when Joel Kay was installed. We met good people and enjoyed ourselves. We then attended meetings in Marathon, Cleveland again, Venice, FL and Marina del Rey. In 2018 Past President Audrey Hall was ready to step down as International Treasurer. Yep, you're right! I jumped right back in again to take the International Treasurer position. (I didn't learn the first time!)

Our officers this year are:

President Elect:	Belen Poltorak	District 15	Mission Bay YC
Secretary:	Laurie Weiss	District 16	Pacific Corinthian YC
Treasurer:	Mary Romano	District 7	East Light YC
Past President:	Robin Vadaj	District 7	Chagrin Lagoons YC
North Central Director:	Gina Aune	District 7	
Northeast Director:	Margo Smith	District 3	
Southeast Director:	PP Ethel Keith	M.A.L.	

1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Open
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President:	Open
Northwest & Southwest Directors:	Open

Volunteers for these positions are welcome and encouraged to step forward! We always want friends to join us on our trip.

Word has it that "Books by Boaters" will hold philanthropic events this year. Both Districts 7 and 16 are planning to give books to schools in their areas. Watch for results from these districts to spark ideas for other districts or chapters to create their own outreach. Remember, the International Auxiliary will donate \$100.00 to each organization to help with expenses. It is so important to encourage kids to enjoy reading!

Watch for the IOBGA website to be up and running again. All the websites were transferred to a different server. Auxiliary is the last to make the leap. Our website gives us directions on what or how to do things in our districts and chapters. Check items like the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures.

Along with the Blue Gavel organization we will have two meetings in 2023. The Regional Meeting will be a Zoom meeting if there is no in-person meeting. Watch for the announcement of the date. President-elect Belen will share her computer skills and host our first Zoom meeting! We will celebrate the successful completion of 2023 at the Annual Meeting and Change of Watch in Charleston, South Carolina, on October 12 - 14, 2023.

## 2023 DISTRICT OFFICERS & AREAS SERVED

- |   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| <p>#1 <b>PRESIDENT-Northwest</b><br/>W. Dean Smith (Cathleen)<br/>37800 Vista Key Dr NE<br/>Hansville, WA 98340-8736<br/>Cell: 808-343-1704<br/>wile_e_coyotes@yahoo.com<br/><b>SECRETARY</b><br/>Jeanne Gordon (John)<br/>10906 SE 179<sup>th</sup> PL<br/>Renton, WA 98055-6561<br/>Tel: 425-226-8872<br/>Cell: 206-790-5421<br/>gordon5050@comcast.net</p> | <p>#9 <b>PRESIDENT- North Central</b><br/>Philip LaCourse (Cathy)<br/>5940 East Cobblestone Lane<br/>Sylvania, OH 43560<br/>Cell: 419-824-0126<br/>phillacourse@gmail.com<br/><b>SECRETARY</b><br/>Diane Gonzales-Wright (Chris)<br/>1037 Cole Rd<br/>Monroe, MI 48162<br/>Cell: 734-735-4616<br/>dlwright328@aol.com</p>  | <p>#16 <b>PRESIDENT- Southwest</b><br/>Steve Weiss (Laurie)<br/>4137 Sunset Lane<br/>Oxnard, CA 93035<br/>Cell: 805-663-7535<br/>slweiss119@gmail.com<br/><b>SECRETARY</b><br/>Marsha Landreth<br/>2300 Chico Court<br/>Oxnard, CA 93035<br/>Cell: 805-889-0054<br/>mlrs4742@gmail.com</p> | <p>#23 <b>PRESIDENT- North Central</b><br/>Open<br/><br/><b>SECRETARY</b><br/>Open</p>   |
| <p>#3 <b>PRESIDENT- Northeast</b><br/>Don Peacock (Carol)<br/>69 Carpenter Ave<br/>Buffalo, NY 14223<br/>Tel: 716-432-9327<br/>donaldapeacock@gmail.com<br/><b>SECRETARY</b><br/>Gerald Hathaway (Arlene)<br/>28 Niagara Shore Dr<br/>Tonawanda, NY 14150<br/>Tel: 716-693-1739<br/>rleanjr@aol.com</p>   | <p>#10 <b>PRESIDENT- Southwest</b><br/>Jay Zaidenberg (Rosemary)<br/>1111 Pacific Cove Lane<br/>Huntington Beach, CA 92648<br/>Tel: 714-960-2120<br/>Cell: 714-272-2222<br/>commodore2017@socal.rr.com<br/><b>SECRETARY</b><br/>Cindy Allenbroz<br/>16222 Monterey Lane #126<br/>Huntington Beach, CA 92649<br/>Cell: 310-245-8720<br/>cindyann180@yahoo.com</p> | <p>#18 <b>PRESIDENT- Southeast</b><br/>Open<br/><br/><b>SECRETARY</b><br/>Open</p>   | <p>#25 <b>PRESIDENT- North Central</b><br/>Mark Balazy (Heather)<br/>322 N Shore Dr<br/>Lincoln Park, MI 48146<br/>Cell: 313-461-1752<br/>mballzito@aol.com<br/><b>SECRETARY</b><br/>John Rose (Fran)<br/>21667 Meridian<br/>Grosse Ile, MI 48183<br/>Tel: 734-904-9801<br/>gycrose06@hotmail.com</p>  |
| <p>#5 <b>PRESIDENT-Northwest</b><br/>Open<br/><br/><b>SECRETARY</b><br/>Open</p>  | <p>#11 <b>PRESIDENT- Southwest</b><br/>Robert Probst (Amber)<br/>715 Esplanade<br/>Redondo Beach, CA 90277<br/>Tel: 310-944-0602<br/>probrstr2003@yahoo.com<br/><b>SECRETARY</b><br/>Kari Keidser<br/>5018 Elmdale Drive<br/>Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274<br/>Tel: 310-701-5274<br/>kkeidser@gmail.com</p>  | <p>#19 <b>PRESIDENT- Southwest</b><br/>Rich Dooley<br/>791 Beaver Ct<br/>Discovery Bay, CA 94505<br/>Tel: 925-634-3724<br/>rid57@comcast.net<br/><b>SECRETARY</b><br/>Patricia Atkins<br/>P.O. Box 1211<br/>Bethel Island, CA 94511<br/>Cell: 510-396-9637<br/>victorianldy@gmail.com</p>  | <p>#26 <b>PRESIDENT- Northeast</b><br/>Open<br/><br/><b>SECRETARY</b><br/>Open</p>   |
| <p>#6 <b>PRESIDENT - Southwest</b><br/>Tom Wood (Sandy Ragley)<br/>44-101 B Kalenakai Place<br/>Kaneohe, HI 96744<br/>Tel: 808-234-7934<br/>Cell: 808-561-8350<br/>tomwoodkyc@gmail.com<br/><b>SECRETARY</b><br/>Donna B. Salisbury (Ed)<br/>98-988 Palula Way<br/>Aiea, HI 96701<br/>Cell: 808-256-3731<br/>Tel: 808-485-0002<br/>donnaned@earthlink.net</p> | <p>#12 <b>PRESIDENT- Northeast</b><br/>Open<br/><br/><b>SECRETARY</b><br/>Open</p>   | <p>#20 <b>PRESIDENT- Northeast</b><br/>Open<br/><br/><b>SECRETARY</b><br/>Open</p>   | <p>#27 <b>PRESIDENT- Northeast</b><br/>Open<br/><br/><b>SECRETARY</b><br/>Open</p>   |
| <p>#7 <b>PRESIDENT - North Central</b><br/>Christopher G. Aune<br/>767 Quentin Rd<br/>Eastlake, OH 44095<br/>Tel: 440-669-5599<br/>cgaune12@oh.rr.com<br/><b>SECRETARY</b><br/>Open</p>   | <p>#14 <b>PRESIDENT- Southwest</b><br/>Reginald Smith (Debrenia)<br/>4094 Phoenix Street<br/>Concord, CA 94521-1046<br/>Tel: 415-902-6147<br/>piczareg@gmail.com<br/><b>SECRETARY</b><br/>Brad Snyder (Tim Eaker)<br/>909 Marina Village Pkwy #471<br/>Alameda, CA 94501<br/>brad.snyder@gmail.com</p>   | <p>#21 <b>PRESIDENT- Southwest</b><br/>Stephen Sawdon<br/>25422 Trabuco Rd<br/>Lake Forest, CA 92630<br/>Tel: 949-279-6262<br/>sailing7777@gmail.com<br/><br/><b>SECRETARY</b><br/>Open</p>  | <p>#75 <b>PRESIDENT- New Zealand</b><br/>John Budden (Sydney)<br/>253 Old Highway<br/>RD8<br/>TAURANGA 3180<br/>New Zealand<br/>Tel: 0064 7 5481180<br/>buddennz@gmail.com<br/><b>SECRETARY</b><br/>Sydney Budden (John)<br/>253 Old Highway<br/>RD8<br/>TAURANGA 3180<br/>New Zealand<br/>Tel: 0064 7 5481180<br/>bluegavelnz@gmail.com</p> |
| <p>#8 <b>PRESIDENT - Southeast</b><br/>Kathy Hockenberry (Doug)<br/>10956 SW 81<sup>st</sup> Avenue<br/>Ocala, FL 34481<br/>Tel: 352-282-3341<br/>Cell: 813-716-5699<br/>Carrk98@gmail.com<br/><b>SECRETARY</b><br/>Stephen Wurster (Gwen)<br/>1634 Segovia Cir<br/>Vero Beach, FL 32966<br/>Cell: 954-328-5261<br/>stephenwurster@gmail.com</p>              | <p>#15 <b>PRESIDENT- Southwest</b><br/>Simon Dekker (Arlene)<br/>P.O. Box 280<br/>Upland, CA 91785<br/>Tel: 909-215-5756<br/>s.dekker@dekkerltd.com<br/><b>SECRETARY</b><br/>Michael Poltorak (Belen)<br/>5884 Ridgemore Drive<br/>San Diego, CA 92120<br/>Tel: 619-368-4717<br/>poltorakmi@cox.net</p>  | <p>#22 <b>PRESIDENT- Northeast</b><br/>Open<br/><br/><b>SECRETARY</b><br/>Open</p>   |  |



International Order of the Blue Gavel  
P.O. Box 131  
Port Hueneme, CA 93044

Return Service Requested



## 2022 - 2023 IOBG Executive Committee

Pictured Left to Right:

President Elect Marsha Landreth  
President Kathleen Jo Smith  
Immediate Past President Mark Vadaj  
Executive Secretary Mary Eiffert  
Treasurer Jack Skidmore  
Second Vice President Joseph Tringali

