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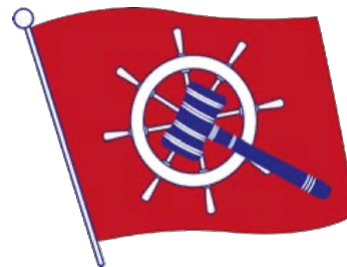
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MARSHA LANDRETH

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Opening Days on the West Coast are winding down after a whirlwind of activity. That is to say, I still have a number of invitations on my calendar, but not like the last three months. Thanks to all the hosting yacht clubs for the fantastic food, drink, camaraderie, and memories.

We sailed our Hunter-41 to Avalon the weekend before Memorial Day. Usually you have to be there at 9:00 Friday morning to get a mooring inside. Otherwise you might have to rock-n-roll in Descanso Cove. Descanso means a place of rest, but that is like calling a shark a guppy. Anyway, we discovered we need not have hurried; lots of moorings were available. However, Avalon's Harbor Patrol assured us that Memorial Day weekend would be a different story. Yes, boating season is now in full swing.

IOBG now has over 1,700 paid members, up 400 from last year. Great job of recruiting, everyone! We have three potential chapters that we are talking with; perhaps you know of another in your area. It is an honor to belong to IOBG, not everyone has served as a commodore of a yacht club. We have a special bond and would like to include past commodores of yacht clubs who do not know we are around or don't personally know anyone in the IOBG to find out what IOBG can do for them.



*IOBG initiation at Opening Day
Westlake YC*

What does IOBG do for you? Well, what do you want from IOBG? Do you want hospitality at other yacht clubs? Do you want to interact with past commodores at other clubs in your vicinity to help your community? Put on races? Lectures? Parties? Do you want an organization that has an auxiliary for your spouse? Let's all support the IOBG Auxiliary! If you don't have an Auxiliary in your area, start one.

Covid-19 changed some of IOBG's traditions. For one, we all learned to use Zoom so the

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need for Regional meetings went the way of the Dodo bird. But unlike the Dodo bird, Regional meetings could come back if the membership so desired. The center of interest seems to have shifted from National to Districts and Chapters. Perhaps this explains the jump in membership.

Or perhaps the decrease in dues explains it better. One of our goals since Covid-19 has been to lower the dues. We were able to do this by cutting traveling expenses, IOC office expenses, utilizing volunteers instead of paid employees, and eliminating officer perks. Currently we have \$265,946.31 in the bank. We are trying to move most of the money into an interest-bearing account but are hampered by the banks' procedures and our bylaws. Jack will keep working on that.

BRAVO ZULU to Kathy McCarthy for her hard work getting out all our membership cards and Nancy Bisanz for taking the minutes.

Until next time, may you enjoy fair winds and smooth seas or, at least, long intervals.

Marsha

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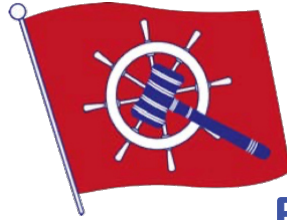
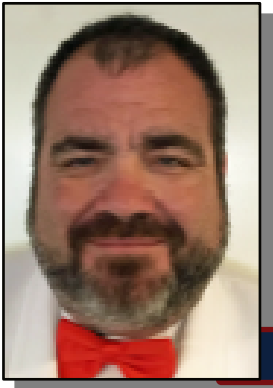
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PRESIDENT - ELECT REPORT

STEVEN HYDER

WELCOME TO PUT IN BAY, OH! This will be the location for the 2024 Annual Convention. 99.99% of the details have been worked out. I am just waiting for Friday night's dinner details, however the LOG must go out. So far what we have planned is the following.



Put In Bay Yacht Club

The hotel is the Grand Islander, we will be hosted by Put In Bay Yacht Club. Their website is www.PIBYC.org. Please go check them out. We will be taking a tour of the Benson Ford www.shiponthebay.com. The other great website to check out is www.visitputinbay.org our weekend will begin on October 10, 2024 with welcome cocktail reception at PIBYC and will end with Change of Watch on October 12. So please plan our

flights. You can fly into Cleveland, rent a car or take an uber/lyft to the Miller Boat Line. www.millerferry.com

Please check the schedule, the fall schedule is limited on the Miller and they do not run very late. The last boat off the mainland to the Island on Thursday is 5:30pm. So please plan accordingly. Time from the airport to the Miller is about 1.5 hours.

More information will be released in the next few days by email and by face book with booking information. Please book your flights, you also buy your Miller tickets online.



Put In Bay Yacht Club w/ faux lighthouse.

Hope to see everyone on the island!!!

Steve Hyder

President Elect



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

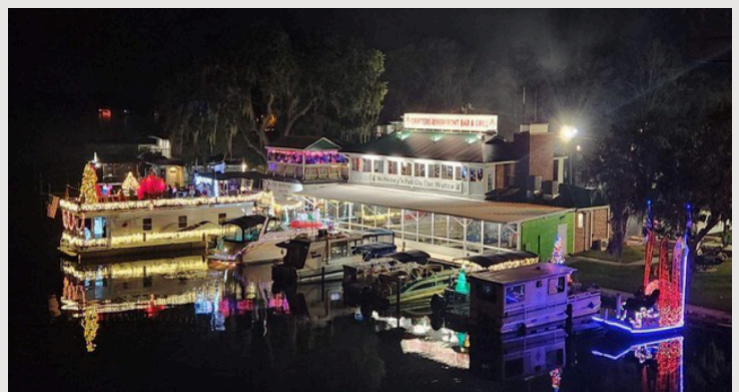
JOSEPH A. TRINGALI

The decision to distribute The Gulfstream, our bimonthly online news magazine to all chapters and members east of the Mississippi River is paying off! Once upon a time, the publication was a “quickie” blurb of a newsletter that was posted online only for District 8 members. Well, as the saying goes, “It ain’t your grandpa’s ‘newsletter’ any more!” Our new version is a bimonthly “magazine” of over 20 pages, and is chock-full of photos and stories about yacht clubs and yacht club people all over the Northeastern and Southeastern regions – whether they’re Blue Gavel or not -- and people are taking notice and asking to be included.

The Gulfstream has covered everything from Olcott Yacht Club on the shore of Lake Ontario to Bluewater Yacht Club in the small town of Astor, Florida, (pop. 1,566). It seems Olcott disbanded its IOBG chapter years ago (“They took our dues and gave us nothing!”) and Bluewater hasn’t had one – yet. But now both clubs (and many others) are asking for “More!” It seems like there’s no better way of raising eyebrows than seeing your club -- with photos -- in print!

And while it’s nice to see interest stirring on the horizon, it’s even better to see it turn into action, which is what happened when Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club put together their past commodores with cash in hand and began the process for establishing a chapter. Lauderdale Isles is descended from the Circle Yacht Club South, and includes many former members of Lauderdale Yacht and Tennis Club, which was bought by private investors and turned into a “for-profit” (that is, for their profit) club. Special thanks go out to Past District 8 President Heather Wood, for all her loyal hard work in putting out the good word about Blue Gavel and bringing the people at Lauderdale Isles together. It seems once a “Gaveller,” always a Gaveller. Thanks, Heather! BRAVO ZULU!

Here’s a photo of the Astor Boat Parade, hosted by Blackwater Yacht Club. Keep in mind, the community of Astor, Florida, consists of 1,566 people on a quiet stretch of the St. John’s River, and has fresh water canals and rivers all the way north to Jacksonville, and south to Orlando. Very, very centrally located, and that’s why I’m working hard to get them into the IOBG!





IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

KATHLEEN JO SMITH

As Immediate Past President, I have the honor of chairing the IOBG Nominations Committee.

I believe this is one of, if not the, most important committees. They are tasked with efforts that will direct the future of the organization by proposing individuals from our membership who will be the officers in the years to come. To continue to have a vibrant organization, in touch with the members, it is important to offer a balance of representation and officers who will be sensitive to our membership and the Bylaws.

Members may nominate themselves or any other eligible member who concurs with being nominated. Nominees will want to include an indication of the position they are applying for, and a description of their experience and skills.

Nominations should be received by email to each of the members of the Nominating Committee by June 10, 2024.

The Nominating Committee consists of the Immediate Past President, who chairs the committee, and the Past President preceding the Immediate Past President, the President, and two (2) IOBG members, who are not officers in any Blue Gavel Chapter or District. One member shall be from East of the Mississippi River and the other Member shall be from West of the Mississippi River. The two IOBG members are selected by the Area Vice Presidents and District Directors from their respective areas, and shall serve for two years, with their terms alternating.

For 2024, the Committee is:

Immediate Past President Kathleen Smith, Chair (kathyswyc@aol.com)

Past President Mark Vadaj (markvadaj@gmail.com)

President Marsha Landreth (mlrs4742@gmail.com)

East IOBG Member Larry Inguagiato (larry.inguagiato@mac.com)

West IOBG Member TBA*

Some guidelines the Nomination Committee will consider:

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- All nominations shall be with the written concurrence of the nominee
- Maintaining a balance of Officers by region
- Willingness to continue to serve, and move up through higher offices
- Nominee has served as a District Director

The Committee will present a slate of officers to the Executive Committee, for their approval by their July meeting. The slate of officers shall be printed in the LOG or the Lighthouse by mid-August.

Our Bylaws also allow for nominations by petition. Petitions should be signed by at least 2 members from each chapter, and no less than three different Chapters. Petitions should be filed with the Secretary no more than 30 days from the official posting of the Slate of Officers.

The Secretary will include all nominations with the Notice of the Annual Meeting.

Thank you, in advance, for your willingness to serve IOBG in whatever capacity you choose. We are, after all, a wholly volunteer organization.

*Western AVP's will announce the appointee, soon.



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MORE INFORMATION SOON!

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NORTH CENTRAL AREA VICE PRESIDENT

ROGER DUTTON

Greetings from the NCA, as spring is here and the boating season has begun throughout the Great Lakes. The many BG Chapters have been very active launching their boats and planning other events for very worthy causes. One of the most prominent events in the area is the Voyage for Veterans, organized and hosted by the Catawba Island Club (CIC) of District 9, on the shores of Lake Erie. This will be the 2nd year for the event and it is taking shape to be even better than last year. The CIC Blue Gavel obtained a grant from the IOBG Humanitarian fund and the District D9 eboard also donated to this worthy cause to help fund the many activities and a boat ride to Perrys Monument on South Bass Island to honor our veterans. Pics below are from last year's event.



South Bass Island will also be hosting the IOBG Annual Fall Meeting beginning Oct 10th through the 12th. All BG members are invited to attend the many fun activities our President Elec, Steve Hyder is planning, and his move up to IOBG President for 2025. It would be great for the many BG members on the East and West coast to come and get a taste of our salt free inland seas.

Also happening this summer in the NCA is the 100th Bayview to Mackinac Island race on Lake Huron and the 100th Mills Trophy race, which finishes at South Bass Island. The sailing heritage is strong here and the Great Lakes offer a beautiful venue for sailing, and all boating.

With over 500 members in the North Central Area the IOBG is very strong here. Many Chapters have very active Blue Gavel members, contributing to many charitable causes and hosting events at their clubs, from dinners and parties for fundraising, to Memorial Day services, and facility improvements for their own clubs. The local Chapters control all the funds they raise and none of it goes to International. It's a great way to operate and if you're not part of IOBG and a Past Commodore, please look into joining to be part of a great International Organization.



NORTHWEST VICE PRESIDENT

DEAN SMITH

Summer is returning to the Pacific Northwest, which means the rain is (eventually) coming to an end for a few months and we look forward to sunlight late into the evening. We're seeing more boats on the water, and yacht clubs throughout the region are busily finishing plans for a season of extensive cruising.

District 1 - Dean Smith, District 1 President

Here in Washington State, it's the season for Opening Days. A precursor came in April, when Tacoma Yacht Club hosted their annual Daffodil Festival and IOBG participated in the flag-raising ceremony. Tacoma YC was the site of IOBG's third annual Spring Meeting, back in 1957 when the organization was just recently formed, as noted in the news clipping from that year!



Speaking of history, Seattle Yacht Club continued a yearly tradition from 1909, hosting the region's formal Opening Day on May 4. During the Commissioning Ceremony, junior club members hoisted the IOBG burgee, alongside that of 38 other clubs, in what is billed as the largest opening day in the US.

Two weeks later, IOBG participated in the South Sound Opening Day at Des Moines Yacht Club, which is located between Seattle and Tacoma. The "Commodores only" activities at these events provide a great opportunity to talk with current – and past – Commodores about the benefits of joining IOBG. As they engage with fellow Commodores outside their own clubs, the wider picture of a yachting community becomes more evident, as does the IOBG mission of uniting past leadership in a common group.



District 1 held our Spring Meeting at Port Townsend Yacht Club in April. In addition to catching up at our biannual general membership meeting, we enjoyed a tour of the Northwestern Maritime Center. The Center holds classes in sailing, seamanship,

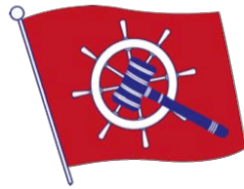
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and boating, and promotes educating the public through maritime experiences. At dinner, we had the general manager of the local boatyard give an interesting presentation on the current state of recreational boating in Puget Sound. A very

pleasant weekend in the historic Victorian seaport of Port Townsend!

Summer plans include a picnic at Spokane Yacht Club in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and generally enjoying time on the water here in the Pacific Northwest.



CHAGRIN LAGOONS CHAPTER - LINDA LEFF

Good afternoon all,

At last evening's meeting of the Chagrin Lagoons Chapter of IOBG, the group approved a donation of \$125.00 to the IOBG-HF in the name of the chapter so we could provide our club officers with a hands-on office copy of the two volume set of Tringali's Yachting Customs and Courtesies. Additionally, our new Chapter Member, Pete Gruber, who had attended the IOBG D7 Blue Blazer event in March, also recommitted to getting me a check ASAP, more than likely, this week. There were 18 members in attendance at our chapter meeting. I will be sending the checks to Karen, most likely by this weekend.

BTW, our chapter heartily endorsed our latest LAP, the outing for residents of the Veterans Home to Put-in-Bay and the Perry's Victory Monument.

I am very much in favor of having the Blue Blazer events continue and would recommend that they be offered by all the districts, not only for the purpose of inducting new members, but also to recruit current Commodores and their significant others into the IOBG family. Surrounded by our current members, they realize the "oldies" are there to offer their support and guidance.

Linda Leff



IOBG HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION

LEE J. HOMYOCK

“The International Order of the Blue Gavel Humanitarian Foundation provides the boating community with 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.” The Humanitarian Foundation has a long history of providing support to boating and educational initiatives within the community.

2023 LOCAL AREA PROJECTS

In 2023 The Coral Ridge Yacht Club Sailing & Water Sports Foundation, Inc. is a Florida non-profit, charitable foundation established by the Coral Ridge Yacht Club was awarded a \$1,500.00 for Sailing Instruction available to the community at large in Fort Lauderdale providing scholarships for those unable to afford and qualify.



Moving forward hope to increase participation this year and encourage all members to refer those organizations in need of financial help to contact us. The IOBG Humanitarian Foundation requests that our fellow IOBG members suggest an organization in their area which needs IOBGHF’s support and we can make a world of difference. Please refer organizations which the IOBGHF can assist to leehomyock@att.net.

THE HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION RECEIVES A GENEROUS GIFT OF \$20,000.

Past IOBG Humanitarian Foundation Director Audrey Hall has bequeathed \$20,000 to the IOBGHF. Audrey served as a Director and Officer of our Board for many years who was dedicated to serving and assisting in IOBG’s mission to recognize Past Commodores of the international yachting community and to unite them in order to promote the highest ideals of yachting and preserve its customs and traditions through social, educational and humanitarian programs. Audrey won the prestigious Past Presidents’ Award in 2017 for her years of service to IOBG, IOBGA and the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Become a Director of the Board. The IOBGHF is a volunteer organization, which depends on generous contributions of time and talent. The IOBGHF needs people can participate in the

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administration and operation of the IOBGHF. At this time the IOBGHF has 4 Director vacancies which need to be filled.

As a Foundation Director, you will have several important responsibilities, such as:

- Promoting the Humanitarian Foundations Fund Raising Opportunities
- Promoting and Recruiting Organizations to apply for Local Area Project (LAP) Grants
- Participating in the Humanitarian Foundations monthly meeting (via either conference or Zoom call).

Please consider serving as a Director, as the success of the International Order of the Blue Gavel Humanitarian Foundation depends on participation of members such as yourself. If you are or know someone who may be interested in serving, please contact P.C. Lee Homyock at leehomyock@att.net

Make a tax-deductible contribution to the IOBGHF. Donations can be sent to the IOBGHF c/o P/C Karen Shea, 5027 Herring Ct, New Port Richey, FL 34652

The IOBFGHF is committed to provide opportunities for participation by people to conveniently select a cause, which means something special to them. We invite you to make a world of difference, catch our spirit and make hope a reality.





International Order of the Blue Gavel Humanitarian Foundation

Application For HUMANITARIAN LOCAL AREA PROJECT (LAP)

- Instructions for completion of this form: This is a MicroSoft Word document. After downloading from the IOBG-HF.org web site save on your computer as a doc file.
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- When the form is completed either mail or email the form as instructed at the bottom of page 1.

The International Order of the Blue Gavel Humanitarian Foundation can sanction a Local Area Project so that charitable contributions may be tax deductible under the aegis of the Foundation's IRS 501(c)(3) charity designation.

The information in this application will provide the basis for the consideration and qualification of a Local Area Project.

A Local Area Project must meet all of the guideline requirements of the IRS 501(c)(3) regulations and compliance will be reviewed by the Foundation before endorsement is granted.

No funds will be committed to any project until the application is complete and has been approved for funding by a majority vote of the Foundation Board. Upon a favorable vote of the Foundation Board, a letter of notification will be sent to the recipient organization indicating the amount of any grant to be given and the terms under which it will be paid.

Please use this application outline and attach or send supporting information, which you feel, will assist in presenting the merits of your project. Send the completed application to:

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C/O P.C. Lee J. Homyock
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OR

Send Via Email
with attachment of completed form and any other supporting attachments to:
iobghf@gmail.com

Please provide the requested information listed below:

I. General Information

A. Organization Information

1. Name of your organization:
2. Street address:
3. City, State and Zip:
4. Federal Tax ID#:
5. Affiliated IOBG chapter name:
6. Affiliated IOBG District #:
7. Year your organization was established:
8. Number of members:
9. Number of volunteer and paid staff:

B. Contact Person Information

1. Name and Title of Primary contact person:
2. Street address:
3. City, State and Zip:
4. Daytime phone number:
5. Fax Number:
6. Email address:

C. Secondary contact person at your organization for us to contact for this project

1. Name and Title:
2. Street address:
3. City, State and Zip:
4. Daytime phone number:
5. Fax Number:
6. Email

address:

II: Project Details

- A. Name of Project:
- B. Description of Project:
- C. Years of operation:
- D.

Objective:

- E. Humanitarian Benefits:
- F. Educational Benefits:
- G. Project Location(s):
- H. Are there other organizations involved and if so who are they and list involvement?:

III. Project Leadership

- A. Name the Project Leaders and include their qualifications & licensing:

IV: Budget for Project

- A: What is the Budget for the Project?:
- B: How do you plan on funding the Project?:

V: Project Costs

- A: Minimum Funding required:**
- B: Maximum Funding target:**
- C: Requested Funding from IOBG-HF:**

VI: Planned Use of Funds

- A: How will IOBG-HF funds be used if funding is awarded?:**

VII: Potential Liabilities & Insurance Coverage

- A: Have you identified liabilities associated with the Project?**
- B: Have you developed a contingency plan to address each liability?**
- C: Do you have Insurance coverage to cover potential liabilities of the project?**

Any additional information regarding your Project should be attached here:



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IN MEMORIAM

DAVID “WOODY” WOOD



By Wendy Frank

David “Woody” and Linda Wood are together again at sea – fair winds and following seas! Woody peacefully left us on December 3, 2023, after his wife of 38 years, Linda, left on February 22, 2021.

Woody was born and raised in San Diego, graduating with the Sweetwater HS Red Devils class of 1967. He served in the Army National Guard and then worked for San Diego County before moving to SDSU. Linda was born in Denver and moved to San Diego during her college years. They met in the early 1980s on the campus of SDSU.

Woody introduced Linda to sailing, K Dock life, and all things ocean from fishing to racing Nomad. They were founding members of Point Loma Yacht Club (PLYC) and each served as Commodore there. They were also members of Cortez Racing Association and Silver Gate Yacht Club, as well as the Southern California Yachting Association where Linda served as a Director. Linda was a volunteer coordinator for SEA San Diego when the America’s Cup World Series came to the San Diego Harbor. Over the years, Woody went on to be Commodore of Pacific Coast Yachting Association, and they were both past Commodores and current members of the International Order of the Blue Gavel.

In addition to the sea, family and friends (and their pets, all favorites) were oh so important to Woody and Linda. Sports also played a major role in their lives. From the NFL and being longtime Chargers season ticket holders, to an occasional pick up volleyball game, sports filled their days. They played on many softball and a few Over-The-Line teams, hit the ski slopes and bowling lanes, and enjoyed catching an Aztecs or Padres game. Once they were introduced to golf, Woody and Linda each played every chance they had, on Men’s/Women’s clubs, in tournaments, or just in a round with friends.

Woody and Linda also loved traveling, with many sails to the Channel Islands, cruises to Mexico, drives across America, and adventures in Hawaii, the Bahamas and throughout Europe.

As a microbiologist, Linda knew so much. Woody knew everything, whether sports, current affairs, or Trivial Pursuit challenges. He was a wizard. During a game of Pictionary, the word was “argyle”, and Linda drew a gargoyle. These two belonged together.

PLYC will honor Woody on Opening Day, but otherwise feel free to celebrate their lives as you wish, such as sharing memories with friends and a toast!

A LEGACY ON THE WATER

THE MARINA YACHT CLUB IN MARINA DEL REY CELEBRATES THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

By Marina Yacht Club

Founded by “The Aviator,” Mr. Howard Hughes in 1974, the Bridge, staff and membership of the Marina Yacht in Marina del Rey are proud to celebrate their milestone 50th Anniversary this year.

In 1971 Howard Hughes realized he was losing valuable executives and skilled Aviation engineers in and around Marina del Rey to his competitors in the industry including Boeing, Lockheed, McDonald Douglas and the other airline companies.

Being the inventive and ingenious he was, the legend goes Hughes instructed his staff to create The Marina Yacht Club at the Marina City Club in Marina del Rey California to entice his executive suite to remain at Hughes and offer the Club Membership to his most prized engineers, draftsmen and employees. At the time, this was quite a perk as the Marina Yacht Club at the Marina City Club was home to several swimming pools, Tennis Courts, Saunas , a court club, gym with all the amenities, etc., etc... Very fancy, indeed for the early 1970’s.

Well, the plan reportedly worked to perfection as Hughes’ Executive Suite was replenished and the Marina City Club Charter actually has a paragraph stating that “there must always be a Yacht Club at the Marina City Club!” Thanks to Hughes foresight and vision, The Marina Yacht Club Celebrates Their 50th Anniversary this year in Marina del Rey.



MYC 2024 Hughes 50th Flag

For 2024, Marina Yacht Club has created two unique, limited edition items, one burgee and one flag to commemorate the 50th occasion including the traditional MYC Burgee with an additional GOLD Star surrounding the numeral “50” reflecting the club’s history. Additionally, a new full-sized flag featuring Hughes himself in the right hand corner proudly over-looking the MYC at 50 Burgee has also been created. They’re both quite striking and represent the creativity demonstrated by Club members at all times.

The Club’s history enjoys many highlights from their celebrated and charter mandated Topside and Dockside locations including 1976 Offshore Boat Races from the Marina Yacht Club at the Marina City Club to Catalina featuring Boating enthusiast Benihana’s Rocky Aoki. The Marina Yacht Club is perhaps best-known these days for their repeated “Best Yacht Club” Holiday Boat Parade Victories, also taking home honors over the years for other categories including “Best Overall,” “Best Animation,” “Best Power,” “Best Sail,” “Best Music,” etc, etc.

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The Club includes outreach for youth organizations such as The Boys and Girls Club, the Boy Scouts, The Girl Scouts and the Rotary Club to take part in decorating and even riding on the club's various entries on any given year. During this most recent 2023 Holiday Boat parade, students from around the globe joined the excitement, actually riding on what became judges as the Best Yacht Club entry #55.



Marina Yacht Club Opening Day 2024 Promenade

numerous swimming pools and new in the not too distant future, Pickle Ball teams.

The International Order of the Blue Gavel (IOBG) is serious business for the Club, with a past MYC Commodore helping the duties as a current IOBG District Director. It is crucial for the growth of the club that Past Commodores are appropriately recognized and saluted for their service by being nominated for and becoming IOBG members.

Not surprisingly, with the recent loss and shuttering of a Yacht Club at King Harbor and a devastating fire that destroyed California Yacht Club in Marina del Rey, membership requests and applications at the Marina Yacht club are at an all-time high in 2024.

With popular Comedy shows, annual Regattas, Catalina Shake Down Cruises, Back-to-Back-Back Boat Parade Victories and fun activities on and off the water for youth and members, alike it is no surprise, Marina Yacht Club representatives are frequent guests on the very popular radio show, The Boating Hour with Captain Rick (www.theboatinghour.com). The Boating Hour with Captain Rick airs on the popular, blow torch radio station AM 870 Saturdays at 4:00pm. A Coast Guard Auxiliary Member himself and Staff Commodore for the MYC, Captain Rick is the Boating community's weekly voice promoting sailing and power boating activities on the water from Coronado to San Francisco and beyond. There is a podcast and corresponding social media #theboatinghourwithcaptainrick and @theboatinghour and @theboatinghourwithcaptainrick and www.instagram.com/theboatinghourwithcaptainrick | www.facebook.com/theboatinghour



Marina Yacht Club Holiday Boat

In 2024, The Marina Yacht Club carries on their unique tradition with enthusiasm, energy and a charming charisma not often seen in all volunteer organizations. The Club looks forward to celebrating its successes in another 50 years, driven by the dedication of its talented sailing tradition, creative power boaters and ever hard-charging, dynamic Bridge!

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OCTOBER 10-13 2024

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