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# President Vern Bendsen



A big thank you to all who attended the 2010 Annual Meeting. It was you, who made the meeting the success that it was. The District 19 and 14 members did themselves proud as the hosts for the Annual Meeting, and I thank them for it. Thank You.

Another thank you to the Encinal Yacht Club and its staff, who made us feel welcomed and fed us scrumptious meals.

From my point of view, the 2010 Annual Meeting was very successful. The attendance was outstanding, and the meetings were informative.

Where is the IOBG going in 2011? We will continue to follow our 'Rainbow'. It will lead us to Florida, Portland, and New York. And who knows where else.

We will keep things simple, because when we complicate things, we get further away from our purpose; which is to preserve yachting's customs and traditions through social, educational and humanitarian programs.

The IOBG is going to continue to become a more member oriented organization. There will be more members involved at all levels. Communication with the membership is improving. With the new e-mail communication system starting in January 2011, ALL members will be receiving Blue Gavel information and news first hand.

It is our own desire for boating that has brought us together. Because of that, we are members of a very special organization, the IOBG.

What makes us special, is that we are positive people, who can talk to each, listen to each other, work with each other, do business with each other, and have FUN with each other.

It doesn't get any better than that....and remember: **Optimism is Contagious.**

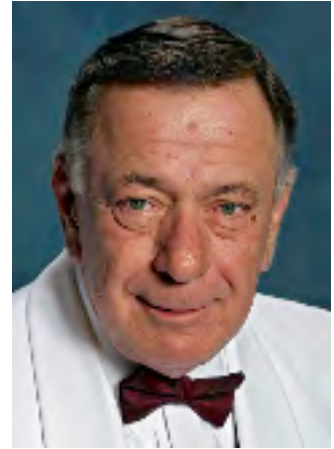
## *Meeting Minutes*

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

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

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# President Elect Marc Connelly



Wow! Another year almost gone and another international meeting successfully completed.

Districts 14 and 19 provided a wonderful setting for the 2010 meeting. Both the committee and the Encinal Yacht Club deserve a huge round of applause.

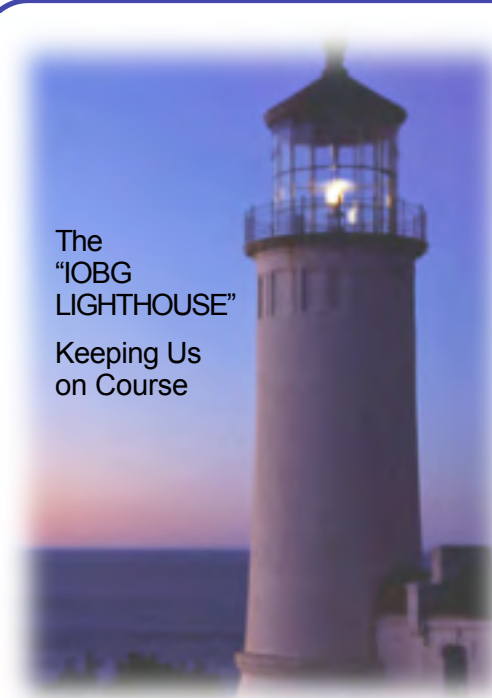
In review 2010 has been a very progressive year. The communications within our organization have been tremendous and the communications in 2011 will definitely increase. The use of our new e-mail media service will allow our Chapters, Districts and individuals to more freely let each other know what is happening and when.

The response to your Bylaw changes was also a 2010 highlight. The enthusiasm from all areas reflected your interest in IOBG. "Many Thanks" to the untold members whose efforts make the IOBG the organization that it is

Congratulations to all the 2011 Officers of IOBG, as well as, the Auxiliary and the Humanitarian Foundation. Lets make 2011 a year to remember !!

Many, many times I have written or spoken about the Humanitarian Foundation and its benefits. Those benefits have again become a reality. Sandy Beach Yacht Club of District 3 has been awarded a grant for their local area training project. Congratulations Sandy Beach

Kathy and I wish you "Happy Holidays" and a happy healthy 2011...



The  
"IOBG  
LIGHTHOUSE"  
Keeping Us  
on Course

The Board of Directors approved the concept of having an email media capability to keep all members informed of what is happening in IOBG. The name, thanks to the creativity of member David Grove from District 27, the *IOBG Lighthouse* and its motto "keeping us on course" exemplifies the goal of the publication.

The plan is to provide up-to-date and timely information to all members of IOBG and selected others. It will consist of announcements of meetings, District events and other activities that may be of interest to all. It will also keep the members informed about matters that are being submitted to the membership and Board of Directors for a vote. It also will notify everyone that *The Blue Gavel LOG* has been published.

Members will receive the *IOBG Lighthouse* by email. Two-thirds of our membership has an email address on file in our database. We have mailed the list of names and email addresses to the District Treasurers and requested updates to the list. If you have changed your email address recently, please contact your District Treasurer and notify the International Operations Center.

We anticipate the new publication will begin in January, 2011. When fully operational the default method of delivery of *The Blue Gavel LOG* will be electronic. For 2011 those without email addresses will receive printed copies of *The Blue Gavel LOG*. In 2012 members will have to pay a subscription fee to receive a printed copy of the *LOG*.

This new publication represents an exciting opportunity for IOBG. Your suggestions and comments are welcome.



# First Vice President

## Stephen Willing



Once again the summer is over, and we look forward to another new year, with hope for good times, good health and good friends. When we look back over the year 2010, we see progress within the organization, new by-laws, a better voting system, a new link on the website for concerns or suggestions, and a reduction of meetings to reduce costs.

This year has also had some rainy days to deal with as well. We have had the sudden and unexpected passing of several members and others have had difficult health issues, we wish them speedy recovery. Some members have stepped away from IOBG due to one issue or another. We hope these members realize that the Executive Board is working very diligently to move the organization forward. Their friends and peers miss them and want them to return for their support and to enjoy the good times that the Districts have in store.

I can't end the year without paying special thanks to Southwest Vice President Gary McGrath, Northwest Vice President Art Kovarnik, District 51 Director Walt Kadyk, and District 75 President Keith Wardell (New Zealand) for your co-operation and support. You have made this a most enjoyable year. I thank you!

Next year is full of promise, with the introduction of our new system allowing us to communicate with our members on a more frequent basis. This initiative will provide our members with up to date information throughout the IOBG family. We hope everyone will find this system useful. With timely reminders of meeting or events, it is hoped more people will find the time to participate and experience the fun and friendship of the "Blue Gavel." Members' spouses are encouraged to join the Auxiliary, for the assistance they give to all our efforts and their strong support of the Humanitarian Foundation.

Shirley and I thoroughly enjoyed the Annual Meeting in Oakland, California. Making new friends and sharing memories of past experiences with old friends are aspects of the organization that are worth more than anything money can buy. If you're a Past Commodore reading this LOG newsletter, and you are not already a member -WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? The fun is already under way!



# Second Vice President

## Chuck Browning



I would like to thank the nominating committee, especially Jerry Rudd who pushed me in the right direction, the Board of Directors for their support and the members of District 27, for their confidence and support over the last few years.

I joined the IOBG in 2003 and my first position was Supply Officer for The Bush River Chapter of the IOBG. I served for three (3) years as President and during that time I recruited five (5) Chapters and helped organize District 27. I was elected as District Director in May 2006 and we received our District Charter during the first International Summer Meeting in August 2006. From October 2008 to October 2010 I served as Northeast Vice President.

I had a great time in Oakland, I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to the Encinal Yacht Club, Districts 19 and 14, who put in a lot of time and hard work. It is always a thrill for me to be able to meet new friends and see different areas and cities around the country.

It looks like 2011 is going to be a challenging year with the economy making it tough for our membership, but I am asking everyone to get more involved and help make this a banner year with more new members and go after previous members and get them active again. Communication is the key in keeping and maintaining your District membership.

If you have a question or suggestions please contact me, I want to hear from you. We have many experienced members that have been involved with yacht clubs, boating and the IOBG for many years. We want and need your help.

Barbara and I will be traveling to Punta Gorda, Florida for the February Winter Meeting and we hope to see old friends and meet many new ones.

# Past President Ray Thompson



The IOBG Presidency is but a brief moment in time. Accepting the title as President, generates visions and plans aimed at improving the Order. I now realize how short that term really is. A number of planned projects were completed; reorganization of District 8, voting procedure, by-law additions and revisions, and a balanced budget.

Aside from "business as usual" certain problems must still be addressed, such as declining membership, and a more comprehensive marketing program. Fortunately, your new Flag Officers are aware of these problems and are in accord and collectively will work toward solutions.

This being my last report, I wish to thank everyone for their support and effort. From an alternate Annual meeting place held in Orlando, to a foreshortened scheduled meeting in Baltimore, I found myself in dire need of help and direction. Needless to say, that support was readily offered by members and friends who guided me through this term of office. Once again, thank you all.

# Treasurer Marshall Nemoy



At the Annual Meeting in Alameda, California on October 23, 2010 I presented the financial highlights for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, the most recent amounts available. Overall IOBG is in sound financial shape and is expected to end the year on a positive note.

As of September 30, 2010 our total assets are \$108,320 of which \$108,020 is in cash. Our cash position, however, is \$3,753 less than last year. Our liabilities have decreased \$3,048 from the same date last year. The reduction in liabilities was the result of a better than expected net income because of lower expenses.

The net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 is \$25,520 which is \$14,961 higher than budget and \$5,229 greater than last year. On the expense side we spent \$10,198 less than was budgeted and \$15,627 less than last year. This positive event occurred because of the elimination of the February Regional Meeting.

It appears the strategy of eliminating one Regional Meeting during the year has resulted in a financial success. The plan for 2011 calls again for the elimination of one Regional Meeting. In 2010 we eliminated the February meeting. For 2011 we will eliminate the August meeting. This will have the effect of having the Nominating Committee making their report of a slate for 2012 in June. This will provide more time evaluate the candidates and provide the members with information on other items that will require a vote.

As of November 3 we began issuing 2011 membership cards. We are beginning to receive dues payments on a daily basis. District Treasurers are asked to not hold the dues collections but do send them to the I.O.C. on a regular basis. That will allow us to keep up with the demand and provide our traveling members with a current membership card.

As we close another year I want to thank all the District Treasurers for their assistance throughout the year. May everyone have a happy holiday season.

# Executive Secretary Mary Eiffert



I have a very small report this year. There were only two Chapters approved. District 23 has a new Chapter, Bayshore Yacht Club and District 21 has a new Chapter, Orange Coast College Sailing Association.

I still enjoy getting together with all my IOBG friends, plus meeting and making new friends. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Executive Secretary. I look forward to serving yet another year.



# Legal Officer George C. Knies



A "Code-of-Conduct" bylaw was long coming for our organization. Initially there was an elitist attitude prevailing that one was not needed since all members were beyond reproach, i.e. Ladies and Gentlemen with impeccable moral values.

Our 2009 Annual Meeting in Orlando Florida got off with a bang when we conducted a hearing regarding a violation of our recently enacted "Code-of-Conduct" bylaw by a Past President, to wit: Illegal activities, embarrassing membership and denigrating the good name and reputation of our Organization.

## Hearing Process

Every deliberative assembly, having the right to purify its own body, must therefore have the right to investigate the character of its members. It can require any of them to testify in the case, under pain of expulsion if they refuse.

When the charge(s) is against the member's character or misconduct, it is usually referred to a committee of investigation or discipline, or to some standing committee, to report upon.

At the appointed meeting what may be called the trial (hearing) takes place. Frequently the only evidence required against the member is the report of the committee. After it has been read and any additional evidence offered the committee may see fit to introduce, the accused is allowed to make an explanation and introduce witnesses, if he/she so desires. Either party is allowed to cross-examine the other's witnesses and introduce rebutting testimony. When the evidence is all in, the accused retires from the room, and the organization deliberates upon the question: Finally acting upon the question of expulsion, or other punishment proposed. No member should be expelled by less than a three-fourths vote as required by our bylaws.

In this instance the accused did not appear at the hearing and was summarily expelled as required in his summons.

The appeal process in this instance required mediation, since the expelled party, was at the top of our Chain of Management. An inordinate amount of time and communicating was expended by the Executive Committee in attempting to arrange a mutual agreed upon solution; which unfortunately never did reach fruition. The appeals window is now closed.

This year we avoided having to issue any cease and desist orders due to copyright infringement. Unfortunately, a re-occurring problem of former Blue Gavel members wearing/displaying the Blue Gavel insignia or flying the Blue Gavel Flag persist. They should be challenged and requested to provide a current membership card. An event advertised as a Blue Gavel Regatta, Dinner, etc has to have at least one Blue Gavel member in good standing organizing or attending that event. It has been noted that some Yacht Clubs have advertised such events held by their Past Commodores none of whom were current members of the Blue Gavel.

This is another reminder that the information contained in the IOBG Roster i.e. addresses, phone numbers and email addresses are not to be used as mass marketing tools. Meaning we are not to use the email addresses to send out unsolicited business advertising or personal political statements and emails. This goes for regular mail, phone and fax solicitations as well.

# International Order of the Blue Gavel

2011 Winter Regional Meeting

February 18-20, 2011



The photographs tell the story. On August 13, 2004 Hurricane CHARLEY blew Punta Gorda literally off the map. The town lost the high school, 5 elementary schools, the mall in the center, 12,000 homes were destroyed and the Isles Yacht Club was flattened. The Club continued operation in a large tent and then in 5 mobiles joined together until the NEW ISLES YACHT CLUB was opened 2 1/2 years ago.



We look forward to hosting the 2011 Winter Regional Meeting...

You will be arriving at PEAK season not only for the CLUB but Punta Gorda as well. The main feature in town will be the Wine and Jazz festival held in the park. This has become a nationally recognized event and folks come from all over the country. The town will be crowded.

We have many fine restaurants and you will be provided a list. On Saturday the Club will be featuring the Isle-ettes Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show. We have reserved a block of 25 tickets for any of the ladies that wish to attend. Cost is \$30. Cut off date is January 22nd for reservations.

The new IYC has two large buildings and IOBG events will be held on the Patio and the Bridge Building for day events. Evening events will be in the Clubs Grille Room and Main Dining Room. This being Florida we wear Summer uniforms for most events and Blue Blazers, Ties & Whites for Saturday Dinner and Dance.

Sunday we present a wonderful buffet starting at 9 - 1:00 PM. In the afternoon two NFL games are presented with appropriate snack etc.

The Club is closed Sunday evening and Monday. We do have a swimming pool and excellent Hard-Tru tennis courts. Our famous Fisherman's Village is within walking distance of IYC. The village has a number of fine restaurants and many shops.

We are served by three Airports. Punta Gorda has a recognized airport with several airlines providing commercial flights from selected areas. Ft. Myers - Regional Southwest Airport - is 26 miles south. All major airlines fly to RSW. Sarasota also provides some flights but on a more limited basis.

The Four Points Sheraton is located on Charlotte Harbor and is a new hotel. We have reserved 25 rooms but due to all the festivities that weekend the reservation cut-off date is January 22nd. The rate is \$109.00 per night plus taxes. When you make your reservation use "IOBG CONFERENCE".



We look forward to an enjoyable weekend.

Our Club Manager is Jake Williams (941-639-7551)  
or [jwilliams@islesyc.com](mailto:jwilliams@islesyc.com)

Any questions? \_You may contact me at [kiahuna2@comcast.net](mailto:kiahuna2@comcast.net) or 941-637-0062

Charles Martoglio

# International Order of the Blue Gavel

2011 Winter Regional Meeting      February 18-20, 2011

(Held in Conjunction with the District 8 Winter Meeting)

## Hosted by:

Isles Yacht Club  
1780 West Marion Avenue  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

941-639-7551  
iyc@islesyc.com

## Accommodations:

Four Points by Sheraton, Punta Gorda Harborside  
33 Tamiami Trail  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

941-637-6770  
941-673-6775 (Fax)

Mention "IOBG CONFERENCE" for the special rate of \$109.00 per night  
Reservation Deadline: **No Later Than January 22, 2011**

## Events Schedule

### Friday, February 18th

IOBG Executive Board Meeting	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	IYC - Bridge Room
IOBGA General Meeting	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	IYC - Bridge Building
Lunch	12:00 - 1:00 PM	Grille Room
Humanitarian Foundation Meeting	1:00 - 4:00 PM	IYC - Bridge Room
Registration	3:00 - 5:30 PM	Isles Yacht Club
Happy Hour - Reception & Dinner Buffet	5:30 - 7:00 PM	Grille Room Main Dining Room

### Saturday, February 19th      (Dress of the Day - Whites, No Blazers or Ties)

Coffee & Pastries	9:00 AM	
IOBG Meeting	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	IYC - Bridge Building
BBQ Lunch	12:00 - 1:00 PM	Patio
District 8 Meeting	1:00 - 3:00 PM	IYC - Bridge Building
Reception	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Grille Room
Dinner and Dancing <b>(Blue Blazer, Ties, Whites)</b>	7:00 - ?	Main Dining Room

### Sunday, February 20th

Sunday Buffet Brunch	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
(NFL Games Start)	2:00 PM

**Saturday** - The Isle-ettes will be holding their Annual Lunch & Fashion Show. We have reserved a block of 25 tickets (\$30) for the ladies.

Isles Yacht Club General Manager: Jake Williams at [jwilliams@islesyc.com](mailto:jwilliams@islesyc.com)  
Chairman: Charles Martoglio at [kiahuna2@comcast.net](mailto:kiahuna2@comcast.net)



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Please make checks payable to: ISLES YACHT CLUB and send this entire form to:

**Charles Martoglio**  
**180 Hibiscus Dr. #112**  
**Punta Gorda, FL 33950**

District Number \_\_\_\_\_ Office Held \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE/GUEST \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest is a member of IOBG \_\_\_\_\_ IOBGA \_\_\_\_\_

February is prime/peak season in Florida. There will many events taking place in the area. You will receive further information upon arrival. Due to it being peak season, please make sure to have your hotel and Isle-ette reservations in no later than **JANUARY 22nd**.

	<u>No Persons</u>	<u>Event Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Friday, February 18th</u>			
Reception (Cash Bar)	_____		
Friday Night Soup & Salad Bar with Pasta	_____	\$20.00	\$ _____
<u>Saturday, February 19th</u>			
Coffee & Pastries	_____	\$6.25	\$ _____
BBQ Lunch	_____	\$17.50	\$ _____
Isle-ettes Lunch & Fashion Show	_____	\$30.00	\$ _____
Dinner & Dancing	_____	\$60.00	\$ _____
(Dinner Salad, Surf & Turf , Dessert - IYC is famous for crab cakes)			
<u>Sunday, February 20th</u>			
Breakfast Buffet	_____	\$16.20	\$ _____
		<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ _____

# Alameda Sun

Alameda's only locally owned and operated newspaper

October 21, 2010 issue of the "Alameda Sun"

Press Release:

Encinal Yacht Club is hosting the annual meeting of The International Order of the Blue Gavel (IOBG) from October 20th to the 24th.

IOBG is an association of Past Commodores from recognized yacht clubs. The association recognizes Past Commodores of the international yachting community and unites them in order to promote the highest ideals of yachting and preserve its customs and traditions through social, educational and humanitarian programs.



Membership in the IOBG is by invitation. At present there are IOBG members in the United States, Canada, England, New Zealand, Japan, Mexico, the Philippines and the Marshall Islands.

The IOBG Humanitarian Foundation raises funds for boating related activities such as junior sailing, handicapped sailing, sea scouts, and handicapped veteran boating. Locally, the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation has funded part of the PICYA (Pacific Inter-Club Yachting Association) Annual Wheelchair regatta at Encinal Yacht Club; and an all-girl Sea Scout troop in Rio Vista, CA.

Vern Bendsen is a member of Encinal Yacht Club. He is being installed as the International President at the meeting. Bendsen is an avid boater. He and his wife, Linda, have over 4,000 documented hours on their 36 foot trawler, cruising San Francisco Bay and the Delta.

He is a Past Commodore of Solano and Ben Ali Shrine Yacht Clubs; and a Past Commodore of the Pacific Inter Club Yachting Association (PICYA)

For the Annual Meeting Blue Gavel members will travel from Canada, England and from all areas of the United States. On Thursday members will be touring the *USS Hornet* aircraft carrier; Friday will find them cruising on the San Francisco Bay on local Blue Gavel members' boats.

Encinal Yacht Club will be providing the meeting rooms for Thursday through Saturday meetings, the Thursday and Friday dinners; as well as the Saturday night formal installation and dinner dance.

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.





**Annual Meeting  
October  
22-24  
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**Encinal  
Yacht  
Club  
Alameda  
CA**





# Past President's Award for Outstanding Service

We who have had the privilege of serving the International Order of the Blue Gavel over the years have all seen the outstanding service of a few particularly noteworthy individuals. It has been our deep pleasure to have served with them, and our concern that there was no vehicle for recognizing their significant contribution to the furthering of the goals of the organization and, indeed, to the Blue Gavel itself.

Therefore, on behalf of all the Past Presidents of the International Order of the Blue Gavel, the Past President sitting on the Executive Committee, presents to the International Order of the Blue Gavel this "Deed of Gift" for an award to be known as the "Past President's Award for Outstanding Service".

*P*resented by *P*ast *P*resident Jerry Rudd

**Carol Promessi**, our First Female President is a hard working dictated member of the International Order of the Blue Gavel. Here's a brief out line of her accomplishments:

1992 – District 19 - started through the chairs and was their Director in 1997

1999 – Was Southwestern Vice President for three years running. Held seminars twice a year instrumental in restarting District 16 and helping Districts 10 and 11 to become more active, as well as attending all Districts including Hawaii events/meetings.

Carol, Peggy Gregory and Sue Brauner were responsible the first Roster Book which consist of a list of the Officers, Directors & Members for publication for all the Current Officers. She also compiled the updates of elected and appointed Officers for publication in the LOG newsletter.

In 2007 she took on the challenge to become the first lady to go though the IOBG chairs to become our President, receiving letters of recognition and congratulations from the Governor of California, Senators, Representative from her District plus the Assembly of California. As President she initiated regional meetings in Districts that were foundering and helped to revitalize them. She Initiated a letter of understanding with the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the US Power Squadron establishing a program of education for all Chapters to get involved with boater education.

Now she is serving as Vice President of the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation and I predict her involvement will be of great value.

It is a great honor to present the Past President Award to Carol Promessi, thank you for all that you have done and will do for the IOBG.



# Past President's Award for Outstanding Service - Continued...



I take great pride in presenting Marybeth Thayer with the Past President award this year.

In 1991 Marybeth joined IOBG-A and was District 15 IOBG-A President, she moved on to become IOBG-A Southwestern Director. Many of you know Marybeth's love of regular Pepsi, she claims that her consumption of this cocktail cause strange things to happen to her. In 2004 she became Commodore of Santa Margarita Yacht Club of California and a member of the International Order of Blue Gavel in December of 2004. That was just the beginning; in 2007 she was appointed to the position of Recording Secretary and to this day still is. She has worked with five IOBG Executive Boards and five IOBG Presidents.



For any of you who have held a position as Secretary, you know it can be a difficult task, with very little recognition of the time and effort it takes to do a good job. Marybeth has done an outstanding job with keeping records straight. Our hats are off to you and this PEPSI is for you. Thank you Marybeth. I take great pride in presenting Marybeth Thayer with the Past President award this year.





# *US Sailing Representative Report*

*by Bill Thayer*

An elaborate Opening Day Ceremony kicked off the first ever Youth Olympic Games in August in Singapore with 82 athletes representing the U.S. Youth Olympic Team in 18 sports. The games ran through August 25th.

The 8th Annual C. Thomas Clagett, Jr Regatta for Sailors with Disabilities was sailed 25 and 26 August with a slight rearrangement of the competition due to 29 knot gust at Sail Newport in Rhode Island.

Nominations were accepted for the Gay S. Lynn Memorial Trophy for a person or an organization that had made an outstanding contribution to disabled sailors and the sport of sailing for disabled sailors.

US Sailing has partnered with HTH Global Worldwide and Allen Financial Group to offer US Sailing Members a healthcare program designed specifically for sailors. Eligible members include:

Certified Instructors  
US Sailing Team Members  
Collegiate Sailors  
Professional Sailors  
International Cruising Sailors

Charlie Leighton retired as US Sailing's Executive Director in October. Jack Gierhart was named Acting Executive Director.

Elections began for the 2011 Board of Directors via e-mail for members. Results will be announced at the Annual Meeting in Phoenix 20 to 23 October. Nominations opened to the membership for Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the Year.

The Medalist Report Published on 4 September is the official newsletter of the US Olympic Sailing Team program and US Sailing Team Alpha Graphics. Super info on the competitive teams in Olympic and Paralympics class events

## *IOBG and IOBGA*

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## United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

By Larry Draper

The local auxiliary was extremely busy October 7 -10 while the City of San Francisco hosted the Blue Angels and Mother Airship Fat Albert Alone with a 747 from United Air Lines. and many others.

Our responsibility was to aid in maintaining a safety zone called "The Box" for the flyovers of small planes and the Blue Angels. Our mobile radio units were liaison between the Air Boss who was in charge of the air show and the Coast Guard.

My flotilla provided radio communications between the Municipal Pier in San Francisco and the Coast Guard cutters patrolling in the San Francisco Bay along with several local police, sheriff, and fireboats and many Auxiliary boats which lined along the four sides of The BOX.

Our district has been very busy teaching Safe boating classes.





Submitted by David Kutz, IOBG Delegate & NBF Secretary

The Fall meeting of the National Boating Federation (NBF) was held on October 2, 2010, at the Doubletree Inn in Annapolis, Maryland.

Founded in 1966, NBF is composed of a large nationwide alliance of recreational boating organizations and members. These people represent all aspects of recreational boating activities. NBF represents no commercial interests and speaks for 2 million boaters nationwide. The National Boating Federation has 23 Boating Organization Regular Members, which includes the IOBG.

In addition to the regular members, NBF membership is comprised of several hundred individual members, 70 yacht clubs, and 30 industry associate members. Distribution of NBF's newsletter "The Lookout" serves to keep recreational boaters and industry leaders apprised of current events effecting boating on the national level.

NBF is an all volunteer watchdog and educational organization that works on national boating issues in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with USCG, NOAA, Army Corps of Engineers, EPA, Wallop-Breaux Trust Funds (our fuel taxes), FCC (Marine Radio) and the Halls of Congress.

**Your Officers serving on the NBF Executive Committee consist of the following boaters who are completing their 2010 Terms of Office:**

President	Thomas M. Dogan	Lake Michigan Yachting Association
Vice President	Fred W. Poppe	Chicago Yachting Association
Legislative Director	Earl M. Waesche	Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association
Secretary	David J. Kutz	Recreational Boating Association of WA & IOBG
Treasurer	Everette L. Tucker, Jr.	Coast Guard Auxiliary Association

Executive Committee:

Jimmie Homberg	Sea Scouts, Boy Scouts of America
John Onacilla, Jr	Greater Cleveland Boating Association
James Muldoon	United States Sailing Association
Robert Williams	Pennsylvania Boating Association
Joe Orth	Potomac River Yacht Club Assn.

## **NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Reported By Earl Waesche, Legislative Director

### **Last LORAN-C Station Decommissioned**

The US Coast Guard held a decommissioning ceremony for its last Long Range Aids to Navigation (LORAN) station in Caribou, Maine, on Wednesday, September 1, 2010. The LORAN program was initiated during WW II to provide critical navigation aids to the Allied forces. The service was expanded and enhanced many times over the years. While GPS units are generally more accurate, they are subject to jamming and interference. The termination of the LORAN-C program came about via the enactment of the fiscal year 2010 Homeland Security Appropriations bill. NBF was successful for many years in overcoming efforts to end LORAN operations, arguing that LORAN provided a complement to and necessary backup for GPS. In the long run budgetary considerations and our growing national debt won out. As reported by the USCG, LORAN Station Caribou has the distinction of being the last station to transmit an American Loran signal, thus ending the 67 year LORAN-C program.

## **GPS INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES PROPOSED:**

Earl presented an e-mail report from the House Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs titled "Global Positioning System: Challenges in Sustaining and Upgrading Capabilities Persist." The subcommittee wants to ensure that the DOD devote resources necessary for the sustainment, improvement, and coordination of GPS capabilities.. There is congressional concern that GPS has become outdated and it's infrastructure has degraded. Continued delays in new satellites and ground systems threaten the accuracy of GPS. They are worried the system is vulnerable and not as reliable to the military and first responders as should be. More to follow on what transpires with the possible upgrading efforts of GPS.

**S. 3372** - A bill which extends until December 18, 2013, provisions **prohibiting** the EPA Administrator, or a state with a pollutant discharge permit program under the Clean Water Act, from requiring a permit for a covered vessel (a vessel that is less than 79 feet or a fishing vessel) for any discharge: (1) of affluent from properly operating marine engines; (2) of laundry, shower, and galley sink wastes; or (3) that is incidental to the normal operation of a covered vessel. The bill has passed the House and Senate and was signed by the President on 30 July 2010. With the bill's passage, this is indeed good news for the boating community since it postpones the date in which further involvement with the state and Federal bureaucracy would be required.

This was very important to NBF that the bill passed as it would negatively affect all boaters without renewal. Tom Dogan wrote a letter of support on behalf of NBF.

## **Hearings on E15 Ethanol and EPA Decision Appear Unlikely**

In spite of many letters from industry, NBF and many of our member organizations, to the relevant Senate and House committees requesting hearings, the Boaters and Industry request for hearing was not granted. The EPA has completed testing of on-road motor vehicles (not marine engines) and was expected to announced their decision on the request for approval of E15 without any hearing.

On October 13 the EPA announced, as expected, limited approval for the sale of gasoline containing up to 15% ethanol (E15) for model year 2007 and newer motor vehicles. This decision excludes marine engines and other non-road engines. However the Marine industry is concerned that EPA does not plan to take significant steps to address problems with consumer confusion and the risk of misfueling boats at gas stations. EPA will also not take action to ensure compatible fuels remain available for the nation's 13 million registered boat owners.

Boaters have been actively engaging Congress and the Administration on this issue, submitting more than 30,000 comments to the EPA and contributing to the more than 26,000 emails to President Obama requesting that studies on all gasoline-powered engines be completed before allowing E15.

The Marine Industry and Boating Organizations, including NBF, are extremely disappointed that EPA is allowing this fuel to enter the market without the appropriate scientific data or consumer and environmental safeguards. This decision creates a significant risk of misfueling for the nation's 66 million boaters who will be left 'holding the bag' for performance issues and expensive repairs. It appears the EPA has decided to move forward with a fuel that will increase air pollution and damage hundreds of millions of existing products.

In the coming months, the NMMA will lead a review of EPA's pump label rulemaking and explore additional options to protect the boating community.

## **DHS - Small Vessel Security Update**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a Small Vessel Security Update. Among other things, it reports on operational concepts and technologies to detect and thwart the transport of nuclear materials by small vessels and use of America's Waterway Watch (AWW) and related programs to expand citizen awareness and involvement. On the subject of AWW, NBF just sent a letter to Senator Susan Collins, Ranking Member of the Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee, in support of legislation she has introduced for the reauthorization of AWW under the SAFE Port Act of 2010.

UPDATE: We have just learned that the new Coast Guard Authorizational Budget has allocated a substantial amount of money to improve and expand America's Waterway Watch. We'll soon learn what the Coast Guard has planned for this expansion.



**EPA - MSD Performance Standards** - The EPA issued a notice stating that it received a petition and a request for rulemaking under section 312 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (FWPCA). The petition seeks revision of the regulation establishing performance standards for vessel sewage treatment devices, commonly referred to as marine sanitation devices (MSDs). The petition also requests that the EPA establish monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements to ensure compliance with the performance standards. The EPA is particularly interested regarding: (1) the universe of vessels operating on navigable waters that use sewage treatment devices; (2) technical information on the performance, effectiveness, and costs of MSDs, including performance testing data; (3) suggestions on what, if any changes to the performance standards might be appropriate; and (4) information on monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting approaches for vessel sewage discharges. 75 Fed. Reg. 39683 (July 12, 2010).

### **NBF AWARDED PARTNERSHIP BOATING GRANT FROM THE U.S. COAST GUARD**

NBF pleased to announce we qualified for a Partnership Grant and approval to receive money to attend outside boating safety meetings. Thanks go to Jim Muldoon, Ev Tucker, Marlene Barrington, and Joe Orth for their valuable efforts in acquiring this grant.

The purpose of the Grant is to promote partnerships and communications in boating safety with a clear objective to increase exchange of boating safety activities with NBF members and other organizations. The grant is intended to help fund our involvement in outside meetings with related organizations to promote boating safety.

The grant to NBF is \$24,000 for lump sum payment soon to be received. With the proper paperwork and approvals from our Grant administrators (Marlene Barrington and Ev Tucker), the grant would conceivably allow funding for our appointed Delegates from any member organization to attend a pertinent boating safety meeting in an area. NBF has the discretion of sending any volunteer we choose as long as the Delegate reports back to NBF and benefit is received.

### **2010 NASBLA REPORT**

NASBLA (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOATING LAW ADMINISTRATORS)  
Delegate Ev Tucker reported on the recent NASBLA Conference:

Paddlecraft education standards are completed and posted on NASBLA website.

On the water skills training is being heavily considered by NASBLA to be conducted by USPS. Much work needs to be done to implement the training and procedures as a standard the varied states can apply.

Cutoff switches will soon be required by all boaters in certain watercraft - the Proposed Rulemaking will be in the Federal Register soon.

Child inflatable PFD's will soon be approved and available with hope to increase PFD wear.

Mandatory PFD for boats of 21 ft. is being attempted by the Coast Guard on a national level. The requirements will likely be settled at 16' and under. Most states are not in favor of setting their own regulations on the state level and looking to the Coast Guard to take the initiative (and heat).

The Army Corps Of Engineers program for mandatory PFD has improved PFD wear rate to 70% on their required lakes. The Corps is leaning toward implementation on ALL their lakes.

### **NBF WEBSITE: [www.n-b-f.org](http://www.n-b-f.org)**

The NBF website is alive and well and managed by boating website guru Mary Nye Meyers under the direction of Marlene Barrington. Mary just received approval for an upgrade to the site to modernize and make it more web friendly.

### **FUTURE NBF MEETINGS**

Spring Meeting 2011 - March 25 & 26, 2011 - Tentatively in San Diego. Margot Brown is making the arrangements.



# Northwestern V.P.

Districts 1, 2, 4, 5 & 24

## Art Kovarnik

Hope all is well and you're making your plans for the upcoming holidays. I'm very happy with the new bridge that was installed at the Annual meeting in Oakland, CA and I think we're going to have some great changes this upcoming year, particularly with better communications throughout the organization.

Winter is coming so I'll be heading South in a few days. I'll have access to the computer and my phone is always on if you need anything or have questions. Please e-mail or call and I'll try helping anyway I possibly can. Hope everyone has a good winter and a very happy Holiday season.

District #1 just had its change of watch September 24th with new officers being installed and there were 6 new members brought in to District #1. This is a great group of Officers for the upcoming year and they have many things planned for members this coming year.

District #5 held their Change of Watch on October 20th at the Portland Yacht Club and elected their bridge for 2010/2011. The District had 8 new members taking the oath. This District is a hard working group. They are already putting plans together for the June Spring meeting and Knighting. Officers are:

Director Ira Nies; President Ron Timmerman; 1st Vice President Bill McKinney

They have also installed two (2) trustees this term. Ron Timmerman and a few of their members have driven down to Oakland from Portland to be with us for this meeting. Thank you

District 1  
David Kutz, Dist. President

Our District 1 Change of Watch was held on Sept. 24 & 25th in the historic maritime town of Gig Harbor, Washington. A good time was had by all and with a Margaritaville flair. Our featured parrothead trop-rock entertainer was Dave Calhoun, who's late father was a Past International IOBG President in 1970.

We are already planning ahead to our Spring Meeting 2011 to be held in Clarkston, WA, on the Snake River and hosted by our newest Charter Club, Hells Canyon Boat Club. By consensus, the date has been scheduled for April 15, 16, 17, 2011 - the traditional IOBG 3rd Weekend of April.

District 1 is pleased to announce the following Past Commodores to our new administration for 2011:

President - David Kutz (Kingston Cove Yacht Club)  
1st Vice President - Phil Osterli (Poulsbo Yacht Club)  
2nd Vice President - Andy Gano (Carling Yacht Club)  
Secretary - Louise Condon (Rainier Yacht Club)  
Treasurer - Ullie Marquardt (Spokane Yacht Club)  
Past President - Robert Weber (Des Moines Yacht Club)  
Executive Secretary - Louise Condon (Rainier Yacht Club)  
Supply Officer - Jackie Rudd (Totem Yacht Club)  
Newsletter Editor - Mary Nye Meyers (Corinthian YC of Tacoma)  
District Director - Robert Weber (Des Moines Yacht Club)  
Alt. District Director - Mary Nye Meyers (Corinthian YC of Tacoma)  
Northwest V.P. - Art Kovarnik (Brownsville Yacht Club)



District 5

Submitted By:

Ira Nies, District Director  
Bill McKinney, Vice Pres.

This past year since October of 2009 until now has been an absolutely fantastic year for District 5. At the annual meeting last year three new officers were elected, the Executive Board was put in place and a Gung - Hoe attitude was adopted by the new officers. Since then its been upward and onward. Board meetings have been held every month, Bylaws were revised and a membership drive was directed by the newly elected President Ron Timmerman, a P/C of the Portland Yacht Club. Membership grew from twenty seven in October 2009 to fifty-four by June of 2010 representing an increase of one hundred percent. With continuing efforts to improve and promote the District an all new Membership Roster was published and the newsletter, Columbia Current, that had not been published for a few years was brought back to life by Vice President Bill McKinney.

With an enthusiastic Board District 5 has participated in several activities and events in 2010 beginning in March with the Spring Social, the first membership event of the year. Several new members were sworn in by Jerry Rudd, Immediate IOBG Past President and District 5 President Ron Timmerman. The event was well attended and we were very happy with the outcome.

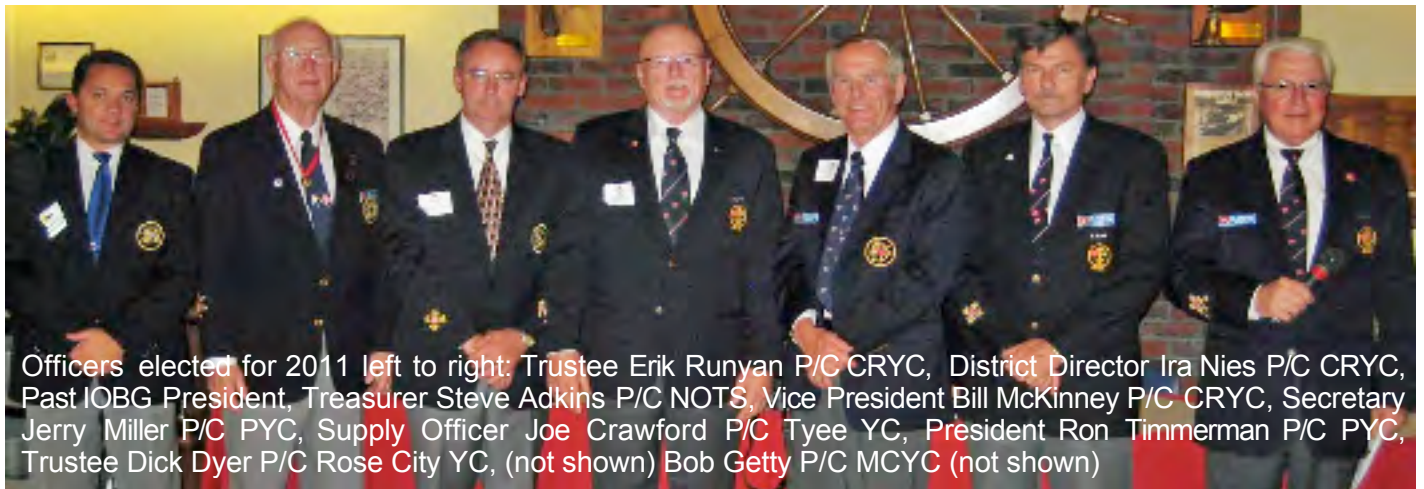
In April District 5 participated in a joint meeting with Blue Gavel District 1 in Kennewick, WA. Next, a Clean-Up Cruise to a public landing in the Portland area where several District 5 members cleaned picnic areas, rebuilt horse shoe pits and power washed and repaired the dock. This was the fifth year District 5 has done this and they signed a contract to do it another five years. This has been a great way to contribute to the Portland area boating community.

With June came the IOBG Regional meeting linked with the Portland Royal Rosarians Rose Festival. Incoming IOBG President Vern Bendsen was Knighted at the Rosarians Knighting ceremony and IOBG was well represented at the Rosarians Grand Ball and at the Portland Rose Festival parade. This parade is second only to the Rose Parade in Pasadena, CA. As part of the Rose Festival three District 5 officers, President Ron Timmerman, VP Bill McKinney and Secretary Jerry Miller were invited to board a US Coast Guard ship as it cruised into downtown Portland along with other US Coast Guard, US Navy, and Canadian Naval ships as is the tradition for the Rose Festival. This was a first for District 5. IOBG activities were hosted by the Portland Yacht Club and the Tyee Yacht Club. IOBG has held the Regional Meeting in Portland for the past forty-six years and we are pleased to have been selected to host it again in 2011.

District 5 has actively continued to raise money for the local Sea Scouts to help refurbish a boat. A check was presented to The Daughters of Neptune, a court of young ladies sponsored by District area yacht clubs and a check will be presented to the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation at the annual meeting in October.

The annual Change of Watch meeting was October 13th this year and all hands were on deck making preparations. The Portland Yacht Club, that had nineteen Blue Gavel members, hosted this event after which ten District 5 members attended the IOBG Annual Meeting in Oakland, CA on the 24th of October.

For the first time in several years District 5 has rekindled the spirit of Blue Gavel and is changing the attitudes of many Past Commodores who have not been interested previously. The President, Vice President and Secretary have all agreed to continue in their respective positions for one more year with the belief that a more solid foundation will be formed to build the future of District 5.



Officers elected for 2011 left to right: Trustee Erik Runyan P/C CRYC, District Director Ira Nies P/C CRYC, Past IOBG President, Treasurer Steve Adkins P/C NOTS, Vice President Bill McKinney P/C CRYC, Secretary Jerry Miller P/C PYC, Supply Officer Joe Crawford P/C Tyee YC, President Ron Timmerman P/C PYC, Trustee Dick Dyer P/C Rose City YC, (not shown) Bob Getty P/C MCYC (not shown)





# Southwestern *V.P.*

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

## Gary McGrath

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Districts 19 and 14 for their fundraising efforts on behalf of Vern Bendsen's Inauguration. First, I would like to thank Herman Meyer for his Wine Tasting and Barbeque function that he ran for two years and which he contributed all the food and beverage so all donations went directly to the campaign fund. Next, I would like to thank John Anthony for putting on a Lobster Feed and a Prime Rib Dinner fundraiser at the Driftwood YC to benefit Vern's campaign. And last but not the least I would like to thank the Ebony Boat Club for their Soul Food Fundraiser which everyone raved about. Not to be outdone, District 14 put on their own Fundraiser for Vern with a Wine Tasting Brunch, which was joined by many members of District 19.

I would like to commend Districts 15 and 16 for their efforts and support of scholarship programs and District 21 for bringing in a new Chapter (Orange Coast Sailing Association). As you can see, the Southwestern Area has been busy, however the Area has lost a net 16 members from the 2009 roster count. While this may not seem significant, it is, because the 2009 count was lower than the 2008 member count. We can all look around and give various reasons for this decrease, but are they reasons or excuses.

We are getting new members each year, but our attrition is offsetting the new members. RETENTION is our main problem and that needs to be addressed. I think we need to get back to basics. Why did we all join IOBG? I sometimes think that we overlook the basic idea of Blue Gavel, which is to have fun and camaraderie with other Past Commodores as well as enjoy boating. But at the same time we have to conduct business, so we have got to get creative to do both and still make our members want to attend.

I raise this issue because it is once again time to send out membership renewals and I feel that we need to make a concentrated effort to regain and retain those delinquent members. You can all start by creating some new functions for your Districts and then sending the calendar of events along with your renewals. Then send not one but three notices as well as individual phone calls to those members you feel a need for personal contact. Emails are fine, but snail mail and personal contact is also needed if we are to regain those lost members.

Let us make the year 2011 our comeback membership year.



District 10  
George Demos, Dist. Director

Having so many successful events in 2009, we were inspired to schedule even more events for 2010. Our February 14th Valentine dinner was held at the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station. April 18 many members gathered at the HHYC for brunch. May 15 member Bill Wheeler organized an incredible wine-pairing event and it was also held at HHYC. \$400.00 was donated to IOBGHF.

We celebrated 4th of July by trekking to the Hollywood Bowl for the spectacular Los Angeles Philharmonic (joined by the Air Force Band of the Golden West) and fireworks spectacular. Also in July we participated in the Long Beach Charity Regatta Breakfast and Swap Meet.

We all enjoyed a BBQ at the Cerritos Bahia Yacht Club on August 8, followed quickly on August 21st by another BBQ at the Navy YC Long Beach. September 4 - Hollywood Bowl with "Earth, Wind & Fire" ; September 25 - Whole Pig Roast at Navy YC Long Beach; October 17 - Brunch at LBYC. December 14 - Duffy Christmas Cruise of Huntington Harbour to see decorated homes.

We believe having so many terrific events for our members, plus an entertaining monthly newsletter, has had a very positive effect on membership recruitment. Many Past Commodores have renewed their interest in District 10 and the "Class of 2009" joined quickly. Our membership has doubled.

In addition to social events, we have also been able to assist in charitable activities within the community. District 10 is "alive and well"

The District 10 website has been published. The address is: <http://www.iobg-district10.org/>. IOBG members may access our web site and read our newsletters for the past year and learn of our activities. This was the creation of our President LaVon Plumlee.

District 11  
Rosalie Davis-Green, Dist. Director

District 11 had a good year despite some challenges. Membership held steady at 117 including 12 new inductions. We lost an equivalent number through illness and death.

We had 6 activities with an average attendance of 33 per activity. The winter wine tasting brought out the largest number. The three summer weeknight Windy-Ques (barbeques) bring out the greatest variety of members. This up coming year a competition among Chapters is planned with an award to the Chapter with the most members in attendance.

Now 90% of the members have email which facilitates more efficient and inexpensive communication. Two years ago we began using evite computer invitations to invite members to all activities except installation. It allows the members to see who is attending activities which has the effect of influencing members to attend because someone they haven't seen in a a long time in attending. Those that don't have email are snail mailed so they aren't left out.

All our activities raise funds for our Jr. Sailor Scholarship Fund to send needy junior sailors to a local yacht club summer sailing program.

Our Treasurer Lynne Hammett passed away in May. She was an active member who held many offices in the District and was an informal information/communication conduit for the members. She sent out get well cards and sympathy cards on behalf fo the District. She did a lot of telephone outreach to members encouraging members to come out for events. Her absence has been felt broadly throughtout the District. Members have stepped up to take on her roles in 2011.

District 14  
Lenworth Gordon, Dist. Director

This year was a special year for IOBG, District-14. We had the privilege of being supported by Sir Vern Bendsen to actualize our vision and increase awareness of IOBG and the many contributions toward the advancement of recreational boating in the Bay Area and abroad. We were able to increase our numbers as we became more enthusiastic towards our annual scheduled activities.

This begs for me to regress back to June and explain why we're blessed to have a celebrity to showcase our local Chapters. In the aftermath of the Oregon conference this year, I was able to report back to the District about the Knighting of Sir Vern Bendsen and the pageantry that accompanied the ceremonies. The excitement from describing the conference may have rested with Renee and myself alone, but we had wonderful stories to tell and pictures to share. We derived a sense of value from that experience, we were able to garner a new perspective of discriminating information with Chapters in our District. This has created the kind of interest in IOBG in so much that as a Director I have been requested as a guest speaker at a D-14 yacht club's dinner meeting.



Since our IOBG International Meeting visit to Maryland, in addition to the preparations for the October Rainbow; D-14 enjoyed the participation in the Summer Sailstice event at the Treasure Island Yacht Club, hosted by Latitude 38. The entertainment, cuisine and exhibits were as pleasing as always. This year's added feature, was the building of the catamaran watercraft created for this single day sailing regatta entry. A group of young gentlemen sailors, dressed in jacket and neckties while they built and then sailed their craft in the regatta. Quite rewarding for the spectators, "I Must Say".

We made our annual contributions to the Youth sailing programs and the Chispa Regattas. This years event, hosted by Pacific Inter Coastal Yachting Association was held at the Encinal Yacht Club. The 14th Annual Wheelchair Regatta was a smashing success this year. IOBG and IOBGA members showed their flags in large numbers as their vessels flanked the docks to receive their honored guests for a wonderful day on the water with splendid weather. Many IOBG and IOBGA volunteers were also ashore preparing the BBQ feast for their enjoyment ashore.

Of special interest; Metropolitan Yacht Club which was dormant for some time has been revived and their Commodore Lizette Collins 2010, was awarded the "Jo Bates Memorial Delegate of the Year Award" by Pacific Inter-Club Yachting Association for her outstanding service. Their desire is to be reinstated in Blue Gavel in the near future.







Above in the background; LUCERO Olive Oil products, to the right, BERRESSA GAP wines.

Photos right column: Top; Sir Vern Bendsen, Dr. Linda Bendsen, IOBG, D-14 VP Tony Shaffer. Middle; Guests from District 19 with IOBGA's International President, Lucy Anthony (right); Bottom D-14 Director, Lenworth Gordon and President Jane Brennan.

Our annual joint IOBG and IOBGA Brunch this year (featured above) included a wine tasting and Olive Oil (products) tasting. This was a fund-raiser for Sir Vern Bendsen and the IOBG Annual Meeting conference in Alameda, Northern California. This event was special in every respect. The cuisine included flavors of many products from "Lucero" their olive oils, flavor fused vinegar and spreads. "Berressa Gap" vineyards provided the spirits for, and to compliment the cuisine, no pun intended... to satisfy the most discriminating palate.

Additionally, the celebrity status of Sir Bendsen, his ranking in IOBG as President elect, also brings to the Bay Area the honor of hosting the Annual IOBG Conference and his inauguration. This was not only a boost to the (locally involved) Yacht Clubs economy, but an opportunity for local Chapters to see first hand; the quality of activities and degree of fun shared among such a diverse international body.



In Loving Memory of Shirley Alft, who preceded me in this Office. Affectionately, Lenworth.

District 15

Submitted By:

Eileen Van Winkle, Dist. Director  
Bill Thayer, Alt. Dist. Director

District 15 began the year with the annual Yacht Club Management Seminar held at Mission Bay Yacht Club in February. This seminar has been presented for many years and has been well attended and very successful in its mission to instruct and guide yacht club Officers and Boards.

We held our Member Appreciation Day event in June, partnering with Chula Vista Yacht Club and Navy Yacht Club San Diego with a clambake and beach party held at Navy Yacht Club San Diego's area at Fiddlers Cove in the south bay. The day featured pit baked clams, red potatoes, ear corn and grilled chicken along with margaritas fresh squeezed lemonade and NYC's famous clubhouse beer tap.

July introduced our first annual wine and cheese tasting held at Silver Gate Yacht Club. This was a two hour event with a professional wine expert along with our own wine connoisseur and consultant, Terry Van Winkle. Each wine was introduced, tasted, origin explained and some wine trivia on each one. We had a great crowd, very engaged, which made our raffle benefiting Recreational Boaters of California of Two Tickets to the Charger/Bears game with seats on the 45 Yard line and preferred parking, a great success.

The Santa Margarita Yacht Club Chapter held a beer, wine and cheese tasting at their clubhouse area at the Del Mar Marina on Camp Pendleton to benefit the clubs Youth Sailing Scholarship. The home brewed beer was brought in by our own brew master, Jim Bordier along with his portable bar and taps. He also provided beer trivia to each table and discussed each beer as he poured. The wine was bottled by P/C Linda Loftis' son Eric along with some special wines brought in by members.

Seven cheeses were passed around the tables as the wines were being tasted. Ending the tasting was a delicious menu of crisp salads, grilled chicken, halibut w/french bread and a Mediterranean pesto salad. We also were in luck as the Silver Gate Yacht Club was rafted in the basin and as it was a holiday weekend they were able join us and return to San Diego on Monday. Past Director Linda Loftis sponsors these scholarships and was the lead on this event.

Our final event in October was our Change of Watch held at Chula Vista Yacht Club. We had an enjoyable evening with a fair number of members present. International and District Treasurer Marshall Nemoy MC'd and handily dismissed the 2010 Board and swore in the 2011 Board.



District Director Eileen Van Winkle  
District President Michele Wold  
District Vice President Blanche Gunther  
District Secretary Dave Lancaster  
District Treasurer Marshall Nemoy



District 16  
Submitted by Martha Langseth

District 16 kicked off the year with an installation breakfast at Harbour Island Yacht Club. The wonderful brunch was well attended. Installed for the 2010 year were Gene Beville, Director; Nancy Rowe, President; Joyce Sheridan, Vice President; Teri Shepard, Secretary; Devra Hodge, Treasurer; and Dick Olsen, Supply Officer.

In April the Blue Gavel once again joined the annual boat parade for the Channel Islands harbor Opening Day festivities. The weather was perfect and the seas were calm. July's BBQ was hosted by Channel Islands Yacht Club. Attendance was high as this is a very popular event.

We are all looking forward to our next event, a dinner dance in December. We are hoping for a good turnout and, no doubt, a lovely evening with a great meal, lively music and maybe a surprise visit from Santa. We will be collecting both food and gifts for local needy families.

At the end of the year we are also deciding on where to place our scholarship monies. In the past, we have awarded sailing scholarships to our Boys and Girls Club in Oxnard, and awarded sailing scholarships to the Pacific Corinthian Youth Foundation sailing program.

We are now in the process of selecting a slate of officers for the 2011 year, defining goals and projects. We are looking forward to increasing membership and participation in 2011.

Should you sail into one of our harbors, give us a holler and we'll make you welcome.

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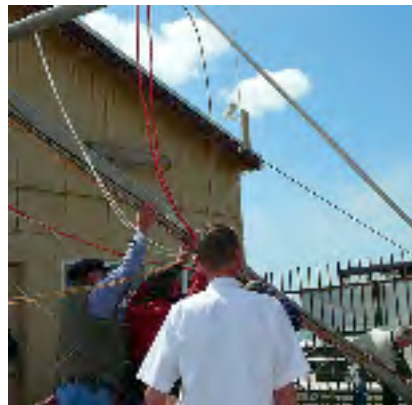
District 19's primary focus all year truly culminates with Convention 2010 and installation of Vern Bendsen as International President. Throughout the year there were several fundraising parties including a fantastic and delicious Soul Food Extravaganza organized and hosted by Past Commodores Otis and Marilyn Brock and Jim and Eddie Jo Mack along with Ann Dukes and the dedicated members of Ebony Boat Club. Driftwood Yacht Club, spearheaded by P/C John Anthony and IOBGA International President Lucy Anthony, hosted very successful and well-attended prime rib and lobster dinners. District 19 President Herman Meyer and his wife Sue who is President of District 19 Auxiliary opened their ranch to members and guests for a terrific barbecue and swim party repeating the success they had hosting this event last year as well.

In addition to raising additional money to support the convention, these activities have brought out many members who might not otherwise have been as active this year. The District is especially proud to have over 50 people registered to attend the various activities of the Annual meeting.

A second primary focus for District 19 was and continues to be support of the statewide California legislative advocacy program, Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC). This organization provides us with up to date information about legislative and regulatory issues that impact boating in the State. In this state with year-round boating and a whole set of budgetary concerns and competing demands for water usage, our commitment this year has been to educate our members and, when appropriate, to ask for their active support of RBOC recommendations on critical issues.



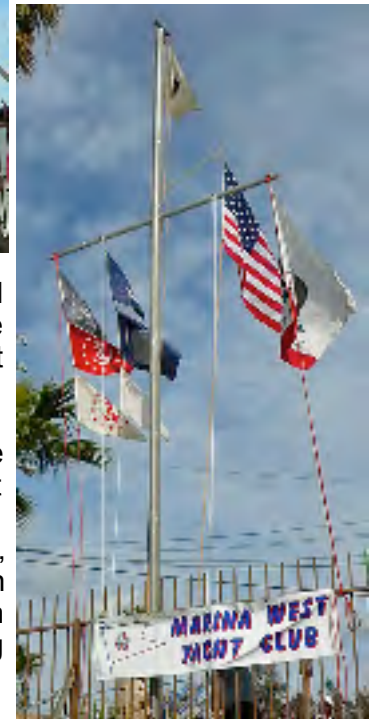
A highlight of the year occurred in April at the newly re-located Marina West Yacht Club where the District had its annual spring cruise and meeting. We had a flagpole raising.



Copying an idea first seen just a few weeks earlier at opening day activities at Marina Venice Yacht Club in District 11, Marina West

members Ed Stetson, Jack McCarty and Richard Hardy took the mast and boom from Richard's soon to be scuttled sailboat and crafted the flagpole pictured here. Pictured are a number of District 19 members helping in that final effort to set the pole in place and fly the flags for the first time.

As the year comes to a close we are looking forward to the District's Change of Watch on November 6th which will be aboard a dinner cruise yacht cruising the West Delta area from Pittsburg (California). On that evening we will install our new officers: President Pat Carson, Vice President Ray Mitchell, Secretary John Anthony and Treasurer Estella McGrath. At that time I will turn over the duties of District Director to our current 2010 President Herman Meyer. The Change of Watch will be followed the next morning by a meeting of the District leadership to plan calendar and events for 2011.





# North Central V.P.

Districts 7, 9, 23, 25

## Joel Kay

As the newly elected North Central VP, I am honored to follow in the capable footsteps of Dee Ramsey and Tom Lyon. I will begin to be in touch with the District Directors of 7, 9, 23 and 25. I also plan to attend those Districts' meetings and events whenever possible. I can be reached via e-mail at: [seawind@stratos.net](mailto:seawind@stratos.net); and cell phone at: 216-470-6141.

During the months of February and March, I will be living in Siesta Key (Sarasota), Florida but will remain in touch via e-mail and cell phone. I look forward to meeting the officers and members of the Districts and wish

Submitted by:  
Tom Lyon, Past NCVF

I want to first and foremost thank all the members of Districts 7, 9, 23 and 25 for allowing me to serve as your North Central Vice President this past year. It was truly a great experience that will be remembered for many years to come. I now have much clearer understanding and truly believe that this current board is working as one unit for the betterment of the organization. There is a belief of teamwork, unity and open communication between all. Communication being the most important change for the better.

I strongly believe that Joel will to do an outstanding job and continue with the work of making the International Order of the Blue Gavel a better organization. I will continue to work with all to help our growth on a local level with District 25. Thank you to all.

District 7  
Joel Kay, Past Dist. Director

I am Joel Kay, 2011 Advisor to the District Director. My comments are a recap of those made at the Regional Meetings plus a synopsis of the District's Annual Meeting September 26.

District 7 comprises Chapters east of a line drawn north/south through Sandusky Bay, Ohio, and west of a line drawn north/south 25 miles east of Interstate 79 in Pennsylvania, south to Interstate 70 and west to the Ohio River, which is the southern boundary of the District. The District is broken up into 8 areas, each of which is served by a Vice President. These areas are: Cleveland Central, Cleveland West, Cleveland East, North East, North West, South Central, Deep South and Pennsylvania.

As of September 20, District 7 has 217 paid members. The District has had a busy schedule this year. District 7 began the year with the President's Ball which was held in Cancun, Mexico, in February. On March 25, the District hosted its annual Blue Blazer- North event, which was held at the Penthouse party room at 1 Bratenahl Place, thanks to District 7 Past President Neil Vanlum and his wife, Sue. In attendance were 30 prospective members from 14 clubs. President, Matt Schmidt installed 5 P/Cs that evening. On May 20, District 7 hosted the Blue Blazer-South event held at Alum Creek Sailing Association. This event was held so as to strengthen the District's relationship with our clubs in the southern part of the region.

The District has added an additional Vice President to its bridge: Deep South VP. Serving in this office beginning 2011 will be Larry Truthan from All Ports Yacht Club. I have addressed the District's planning to broaden its base in this part of the region at the 2008 and 2009 International Annual Meetings. At the District's 2010 Annual Meeting, September 26, President Tony Durieux spoke about the potential effects of our continued involvement in the southern region of the District, and how important it is that we continue to show our presence there to the 31 members present at the meeting. The District is also going to try to establish a presence in the Pittsburgh, Pa. area, where there are 3 clubs located on the Ohio River and are part of the District.

District 7  
Joel Kay, Past Dist. Director - Continued

Like previous years, we have teamed up with the Greater Cleveland Boating Association (GCBA) and the Interlake Yachting Association (ILYA) with their annual events, including the GCBA Pirate Rendezvous and golf outing. This event, held on the weekend of June 25, with the IOBG cocktail party on Saturday, June 26, was most successful. There were 119 boats docked in the basin filling it wall to wall. During the cocktail party, the District held a 50/50 raffle, the proceeds of which paid for the event. During the weekend of July 30, ILYA hosted its annual boating event at Put-In-Bay. The cocktail party was held on July 31, this year hosted by District 7. The 3 districts of IOBG that border Put-In-Bay take turns hosting this event, which draws IOBG members numbering in the hundreds.

District 7 has continuously been part of the GCBA Annual Memorial Day event held at the USS COD, a WWII submarine docked in the Cleveland harbor. President Schmidt was among the 6 speakers at the event, and gave a moving speech about freedom.

The District held a Meet-and-Greet brunch at Erie Yacht Club in Erie, Pa. on May 2, and another similar event at the Sandusky Yacht Club on July 11. As in the past, these events were very successful and help keep IOBG District 7 an important part of our boating community.

Our Humanitarian Fund has provided boating activities to those who would not otherwise be able to take part in on-the-water programs such as Blind Sailors, Sea Scouts and those organizations that assist the disabled.

We have a very committed group of Vice Presidents, who are actively engaged in following their Chapters' annual events, as well as, attempting to reopen closed Chapters. Our latest attempt is the successful reopening of the Aladdin Mariners Chapter in Southern Ohio, and gaining 2 new members from there.

District 23  
Pres. R.F. Sapita

Compared to 2009, during which District 23 hosted the Summer Meeting and added a new Chapter, Bayshore Yacht Club, the 2010 year was a relatively quiet one. The Bayshore Yacht Club Chapter added to its individual IOBG roster and the Flag Etiquette presentation was given during the Lake Michigan Catalina Assoc. annual rendezvous held at the Macatawa Bay YC, another IOBG Chapter. The Flag Etiquette presentation is an effective educational agent that can be used to preserve key yachting traditions, as well as, an effective way to promote the IOBG as our burgee is on every slide.

Historically District 23 has filled its leadership positions by appointments and volunteers who have generously given of their time and talents. The District has had no formal way to nominate and elect its officers or manage the District regarding terms of office, scheduled meetings, financial reporting, etc.

District 23 has never before developed its own bylaws to structure and guide its operations. Accordingly, bylaws are now in the process of being developed. A preliminary draft is now before the District's officers and the IOBG Executive Committee for their review and comments.

It's hoped that the bylaws will encourage more involvement in managing the District, enhance transparency, encourage more District activities, and facilitate growth in the District. Once the bylaws are in place we can then concentrate on growing the charter and membership base of the District.

District 25  
Russell Skitch, Dist. Director

On October 24th District 25 met at the Mariners Boat Club for the General Membership meeting and its change of officers for 2011. This year's President Sam Bileti is a long time member of IOBG and with his leadership we are hoping for a year of increased communication and involvement.

This summer District 25 suffered the loss of Treasurer Bob Zasada. He had served in the position since 2006 and will be missed.





# Northeastern V.P.

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Districts 3, 12, 20, 26, 27

## Robert Howe

How does one replace a Regional VP? While I do not really have “The” answer to that question, I can only start by saying “Thank You Chuck”. As you have decided to continue the climb up the organizational ladder, it has given me the opportunity to try my hands at the next level myself. I guess, as the Peter Principle I haven't yet found my level of incompetence and agreed to take on the duties of Northeastern V.P. I have been replaced by **P/C David Grove** as District 27 Director.

I am P/C Robert Howe, a retired Army guy, who served several terms as Commodore of the Pentagon Sailing Club, Executive Director of the U.S. Naval Sailing Association (USNSA) and U.S. Naval Sailing Foundation (USNSF), and most recently District Director of District 27.

While I haven't yet had the time to become fully acquainted with the Northeastern region, I can say I have traveled several parts of the area over the years. My wedding reception was held on Grand Island in one of the Clubs located on the Island. I plan to travel and visit each District and meet with as many of the District Directors, Chapter Presidents and Past Commodores of the region as my time and resources will allow. Of course, for those who may be reading this, I need your help in this endeavor.

For all of us Past Commodores, IOBG offers us an opportunity to continue to serve without the full burden of “managing”. What is needed from all of us is input on the “How & What” IOBG International can do to assist local chapters. **This is where YOU come in.** Contact me at any time: Robert (Bob) Howe, (C) 703-517-5482 or (H) 301-352-3898 or [pscoldsalt@hotmail.com](mailto:pscoldsalt@hotmail.com). I want stories of what is going on in each of the Districts. Together we can strengthen IOBG and or Districts. Don't forget to renew your IOBG membership!!

Have a great Holiday Season.

District 3 Lewis Smith, Dist. Director
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District 3's summer sail outing was hosted by the Tuscarora Yacht Club in Wilson, New York. Our beautiful summer weather blessed us with a spectacular day on Lake Ontario. After the sail, the Past Commodores and their mates provided a great barbecue. We had sixty in attendance. Thanks to all at Tuscarora who made the day special.

Our annual election meeting was held at the Buffalo Launch Club. There was a disappointing turnout and a number of our Chapters were not represented. There were no new Officers elected to District office.

Our District President, Warren Schaefer, and our other Officers have done a really good job but we need some new blood. Maybe if we start thinking ahead to next year, when Marc Connelly from Tonawanda Island Yacht Club becomes International President, someone new will step up.

### **District 12 Annual Meeting**

On Friday, September 10th the Past Commodores of Long Beach Island, International Order of the Blue Gavel District 12, held its annual meeting and reception. District 12 consists of the 5 yacht clubs located on Long Beach Island, New Jersey. Namely, Barnegat Light YC, Surf City YC, Brant Beach YC, Spray Beach YC and Little Egg Harbor YC.

Many thanks go out to the members of the Barnegat Light YC for hosting this year's luncheon meeting. Special thanks to PC Paul Wood and his wife Ingrid and the many BLYC members for organizing the excellent reception. I also want to thank all those who took time out of their busy schedules to attend. This was the second year in which we had our meeting as a part of an evening cocktail reception rather than a Sunday luncheon. This change has been met with great support and will continue to be our preferred venue into the future.

In 2007 District 12 made a decision to support the local high school sailing team by sponsoring a fundraiser and donating the proceeds to the Friends of Southern Sailing, a 501 3c foundation which supports the unfunded high school sailing program. In addition District 12 submitted a successful grant application to the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation for additional financial support.

On August 12, 2010 District 12 sponsored its **third** very successful fundraiser for the Friends of Southern Sailing. More than 100 people attended, and thanks to the support from the five yacht clubs that make up District 12 we were successful in raising \$2635. A special thanks to the members of Surf City Yacht Club for hosting this year's event.

Over the past three years, the Past Commodores of LBI (IOBG District 12) have raised **\$10,295.00 for the Friends of Southern Sailing**, which includes a grant from the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation of \$3,500.00. This has been a remarkable achievement which could only have been accomplished with everyone's support. The fourth annual fundraiser has been scheduled for August 11th 2011 and will be hosted by Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club.

**In addition, in recognition of the support District 12 has received from the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation, it will be making a \$500.00 donation to the Humanitarian Foundation this year.**

Our Annual Meeting concluded with PC Dick Janiszewski inducting our 5 new incoming past commodores. Next year's Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Surf City YC on September 16, 2011.





# Southeastern V.P.

Districts 8 & 18

## Tom Sullivan

At Venice Yacht Club on October 9, 2010 the following Officers for 2011 were sworn in by International President Ray Thompson:

President	De Ramsey	(Royal Palm YC)
Pres. Elect	Frank Hutchinson	(Palm Coast YC)
First VP	George Eichman	(Isles YC)
Second VP	Bert Gartenhaus	(Lighthouse PT. YC)
Treasurer	Charles Ranson	(Vero Beach YC)
Secretary	Art Theobald	(Royal Palm YC)
Dist. Director	Joe Dowdell	(Marathon YC)

### APPOINTED OFFICERS 2011

Legal Officer	John Schultz	(Venice YC)
Supply Officer	Bob Shogren	(Treasurer Island Tennis & YC)
Newsletter Editor	Harvey Sussel	(North Palm Beach YC)



Greatful thanks for outstanding service goes to PC Lee Clifford (Royal Palm YC) who served so well (once again) as District 8 President & International District Director. Also a fond farewell & thanks goes to PC Bob Pease (Royal Palm YC) who brought financial stability back to District 8 after the schism while overcoming hardships in his personal life.



Once again our meeting at Venice YC was outstanding with every detail taken care of thanks to the efforts of PC Don & Claire Mercereau & PC John & Edith Schultz.

District 8 is now looking forward to the joint District 8 & International Meeting which will be held at Isles YC in Punta Gorda Florida on February 18 - 20, 2011.

The District's best wishes & congratulations goes to our new International President Vern Bendson & his wife Linda.



District 18

District 18 is healthy & making progress & has re- elected the following Officers for 2011:

Dist. President	Mike Barbrow Fort Loudoun YC	(Tennessee)
Vice President	Buzz Bisanz Allatoona YC	(Georgia)
Sec/Treas	Randy Blalock Fort Loudoun YC	(Tennessee)

District 50  
Damian Pflgebraar, Past Director

District 50 consists of Chapters and members east of the Mississippi River, that do not have enough Chapters to form a District. Members that relocate from their home Districts may remain a member of that District or become a member of District 50 (east of the Mississippi) or District 51 (west of the Mississippi). The District Director is the only officer in these two Districts and serves as a contact person and liaison to the International.

Membership in the District is currently at 27 members from 13 Chapters and 3 members-at-large. Members are asked to forward their email address to the International so that electronic notifications can begin.

I have been Director for the last four years and during that time two Chapters have been formed from members of District 50.

District 51  
Walt Kadyk, Director

I am pleased to report that District 51 still has a handful of loyal members (10). We lost one member very recently who passed away. I am working to keep current members on board as having an "At Large" membership is based on good communication. Each member has received a personal letter from me. I am also sending a letter to each past District 51 member in an effort to see if I can get them back in the fold.

Since the Houston Yacht Club has the most members in the District I am working to get more members there as well. I have recruited a Past Commodore from my home club in Dana Point, California who is now a member of HYC to assist in the effort.

I have set a goal to recruit 10 new members in the next 12 months. I hope to do this by using the available IOBG recruiting materials and through personal communication. I will encourage each "new" member to recruit one new member as well...

**Report on District 8 Activities for the Administrative year 2009-2010**

Historical statement.

The 2008-2009 administrative years started November 1 2008 with 494 members and 36 Chapters. All of the members of the District 8 Executive Committee resigned on December 18, effective December 31, 2008

Organizational meeting - An Interim election of officers was held at Royal Palm Yacht Club on April 21, 2009. 244 paid members received a ballot. 136 ballots were returned and 132 votes were cast for the Interim Officers. There were 8 Chapters present at this meeting also, which was a quorum according to District 8 bylaws. All Chapters present voted to ratify the ballot results and the Interim Officers were elected to their respective office. The new officers were sworn in as an Interim Executive Committee.

The District 8 annual meeting was held in Orlando Florida on October 22-24, 2009 in conjunction with the International Annual Meeting. Officers were elected for the administrative year 2009-2010. At that time membership stood at 269 members and 26 Chapters. 14 Chapters were present, in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting,

**Activities November 1 2009 through October 31, 2010 - CURRENT YEAR**

Paid membership total is 217, as of October 31, 2010. The following Chapter's members failed to renew their membership: Halifax River, Key Biscayne and Queens Harbor, a total of over 50 members lost from the prior year. However, Naples Yacht Club with 18 members, rejoined.

The Alternate District Director attended the Portland, Oregon Regional Meeting and Baltimore, Maryland Regional Meeting.

Editor and Publications officer Harvey Sussel printed and distributed by mail 4 quarterly issues of the District 8 newsletter, **The Gulf Stream**, to all paid members and in some cases even mailed copies to prior members to let everyone know what was happening in the District. The issues contained reports from all the Officers, and news of interest from Chapters throughout the District. He also printed and distributed a District 8 membership directory.

The District 8 Website was back up and running by the end of 2009. It has been maintained throughout the year with updated announcements, photographs, meeting notices, meeting minutes, and also copies of the Gulfstream newsletter. The site address is [www.d8iobg.org](http://www.d8iobg.org). The Webmaster is Mary Nye Meyers.

District 8 has held 4 Regional Meetings this year:.

Our Winter Regional Meeting was held at Vero Beach Yacht Club January 23, 2010. The meeting became a round table discussion and the proposal to split District 8 into smaller geographical districts was first raised and discussed.

Our Spring Regional Meeting was held at Marathon Yacht Club on April 17, 2010. This Spring Meeting was a membership meeting. Chapter Presidents present in person or by proxy represented 72% of the Chapters and that also equated to 76% of the present membership.

The agenda included adoption of the proposed amendments to the bylaws. The amendments being considered were published on the District 8 web site for several weeks in advance. In addition to being published on the web, they were also mailed to all Chapter Presidents 30 days in advance. Bylaw amendments have to be approved by a two-thirds vote of the qualified voting members at the meeting with a quorum present.

Chapter Presidents discussed the proposed amendments with the other members in their Chapter in preparation for the vote at the membership meeting. Among amendments to be voted upon were changes clarifying 'At Large' memberships, adding a code of conduct, changing the voting to "one member-one vote" changing the number and manner of selection on the nominating committee and changing the procedure for filling vacancies in office. In all, 17 amendments to the bylaws were reviewed, and voted upon. All Amendments passed. The new bylaws can be found, read and downloaded from the District 8 website.

In other business, the proposal to divide District 8 into 4 geographic districts within the State of Florida was again raised and discussed, with no action taken.

Palm Coast Yacht Club was the site of the District 8 Summer meeting July 16 and 17, 2010. It was a fabulous weekend of fun, great food and entertainment. Highlights of the weekend activities were the trip by car and boat to Fort Matanzas National Monument where actors dressed as Spanish soldiers demonstrated musket fire and daily fort routine, and the Luau Saturday night, where the hula dancer wowed the audience before demonstrating steps to eager students Frank Hutchinson and Ray Thompson, clad in grass skirts.

During the Executive Committee Meeting, George W. Eichman from Isles Yacht Club was sworn into office as Second Vice President, filling a vacancy that had existed since the Fall election. The nominating committee's slate was announced at this meeting. Also at this meeting, the Board discussed and approved study of splitting District 8 into 3 or 4 districts.

The Annual Meeting and Change of Watch took place at Venice Yacht Club on October 8 and 9, 2010. It was another fabulous weekend of fun, great food and entertainment. The ladies enjoyed a cruise of the Venice Intercostal waterway on a luxury yacht. Everyone had an enjoyable time.

This was the first membership meeting where each paid member of the District could vote, and a quorum of 30% was required to have a valid meeting and election of officers. 189 members, 87% of the District membership, were represented through their Chapter President's presence, either in person, or by his written proxy filed with the Secretary.

The officers were inducted in the Change of Watch ceremony conducted by International President Ray Thompson. The evening concluded with a surf and turf menu of Florida lobster tail and sirloin medallions followed by dancing to the music of a fine orchestra.

### **Resolution of the proposal to split up District 8 into multiple Districts**

During the business session, Art Theobald reported on the proposal to split District 8 into multiple Districts. This has been discussed at all 3 prior meetings.

Art Theobald stated that he had talked to Marshall Nemoy and Mary Eiffort, and both believed that there would be no serious obstacle in setting up additional Districts if that was the decision. He also had talked with the Gulf Stream newsletter editor and the supply officer and he believed both could continue their duties for any new Districts. After the last meeting at Palm Coast, he sent a letter to all Chapter Presidents for consideration and discussion of the proposal. No objections were received.

Legal Officer John Shultz distributed a copy the portion of the International Bylaws which addressed the procedure to split a District into multiple Districts. He expressed his opinion that the procedure outlined in the Bylaws should be followed.

Art asked the question "Does anyone object to the District being split up into smaller, geographic Districts?" In the lengthy discussions and responses that followed that question, several Chapters indicated opposition after discussing the issue with their members, and went on record with a vote opposing the split.

Bob Pease representing the members of Royal Palm Chapter moved that we do not split the District but proceed in accordance with the bylaws to consider a split only if and when 5 Chapters petition to do so. John Shultz representing Venice Yacht Club Chapter and Hal Bishop, representing Lighthouse Point Chapter, jointly seconded the motion.

More Discussion followed. After every person who wanted to speak on the issue had spoken, the Question was called for a vote. The vote in favor of the motion not to consider a split of the District at this time was unanimous. Accordingly, District 8 membership has overwhelmingly decided that there must first be 5 Chapters petition to form a new District within District 8, before the decision can be made.





# IOBG Humanitarian Foundation

IOBG Humanitarian Foundations, Inc.

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This is the Mission Statement of the Humanitarian Foundation.

## President Robert Howe

The Humanitarian Foundation had a whirl wind adventure at the last meeting in Oakland, CA, October 2010. P/C Jim Hinckley first resigned as President of the Foundation, just after he opened the meeting and called for the election of the 2011 Board. I, P/C Robert Howe had agreed to step up and

be nominated as the 2011 President, and of course, as we all know in a volunteer organization if you say yes to a call for doing something, you usually get what you volunteered for. Of course, I was elected and Jim immediately turned over the meeting to me. "Thanks Jim".

What now I asked myself? I have asked many people who have been involved for much longer than I and what I have determined is that we need to clearly define the Foundation's mission and clearly articulate what type of projects the Foundation is willing to consider. I further have decided that we need to find a continuing funding source, individuals and corporate donors, etc in order to get the funds we need to continue our mission. To make sure we are staying true to the mission, I hope to establish a fundraising committee and a project evaluation committee to review Local Area Project (LAP) ideas to insure they meet a set of criteria (to be developed) that clearly supports the mission.

Having said all the above:

1. Consider volunteering for the Foundation to serve as an Ambassador in your Region and District.
2. **Donate** to the Foundation while considering your 2010 taxes. We are a 501(c) 3 Organization.
3. Attend the upcoming IOBG meeting in Florida on Feb 18-19, 2011. The Foundation will have a separate meeting to consider all the above.

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Happy New Year 2011*

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# International Order of the Blue Gavel Auxiliary

## *P*resident Lucy Anthony

All aboard for the Rainbow Express to Alameda California. Yes, they came by air, by sea and by land to enjoy the Annual meeting, installation of officers for IOBG and IOBGA, at the other city by the Bay.

The first pot of gold was the suite rooms at the Executive Suites. An extraordinary setting on the water. Nice to sit on your patio when we didn't have liquid sunshine and enjoy the waterway with the water fowl, water animals, sail boats passing by, the beauty of Coast Guard Island and even a view of the Bay Bridge.

A big hit with all was the Soul Food provided by Ann Dukes for the weary hungry traveler on the Rainbow Express. This superior buffet and desert tables were appreciated by all. The hospitality room was the place to be. George and Karen Trefz were the bartenders. This was the second pot of gold on the Rainbow Express.

The Auxiliary met at the Executive Suites. We had our very own conference room totally top drawer. This setting helped us get a lot of business done from the Executive Board to the member meeting. It is always great to hear what all the Chapters are doing and it gives hope and encouragement to others.

After the meeting on Thursday we were treated to a great lunch and tour of the USS Hornet. Truly a tour to remember. Dinner every evening was at Encinal Yacht Club a beautiful setting for night time adventures. The third pot of gold.



Friday was the IOBGA Annual Meeting and I am pleased to announce our Board for 2011: President Lucy Anthony, President -Elect Ethel Keith, 1st Vice President Susan Sullivan, 2nd Vice President to be appointed, Secretary Deanna Tomei, Treasurer Renee Gordon, Immediate Past Senior President Audrey Hall. Directors: Northeast open, Northwest Mike Meyers, North Central Nancy Kay, Southeastern Susan Sullivan, Southwest Estella McGrath, England Sue Young. Auxiliary Log Editor Mike Meyers. We will be going from the 20th century to the 21st turning it up a notch. It was a pleasure to have Maude Ramsey attending our meeting.





After the meeting the Rainbow Express led to the Encinal Yacht Club harbor for a Bay cruise and box lunches on private Yachts. Fourth pot of gold.

Saturday was the bag lunch pool party which due to the liquid sunshine was moved the conference room. It was my gift to all the Auxiliary members - a thank you for your support. We also had fun making sun visors. It was really nice to have time to talk and get to really know one another. This was my pot of gold to share friendship.



Onward with the Rainbow Express to the Installation banquet. It was my pleasure and honor to be installed as your President and thank you for the pin. The ballroom was transformed into a beautiful rainbow by Patty Grosz and her helpers and the dinner was outstanding. The music was provided by The Illusions with a vocalist that can belt out a song with such style and grace, Joanne Tucker.

Cannot forget the van transportation drivers John Anthony and Sherry Perry for a job well done keeping the Rainbow Express on time.

May the Rainbow colors be with you and keep your spirit alive. "The greatest lesson of life is to know that everything happens for the best. Every no leads you that much closer to a yes"

## First Vice President & SE Regional Director Susan Sullivan

We have alot to look forward to this year ----- All our elected Officers are dedicated to making the IOBGA get stronger and recruit alot of new members to join us.

A bright spot in District 8 is the efforts expended by Evelyn Hutchinson & the gals at Palm Coast Yacht Club (Fla.). Their IOBGA members have embarked on a successful program of collecting useful items & edibles and sending packages to the troops. They have 2 men who are sons of PCYC members who have up to 90 persons in their commands----so the goodies get spread around & are quite welcome. The goodies include DVD's, magazines, crackers, cookies, etc. They get a list by email of added needed items. IOBGA is reaching out to other members who might have sons,daughters, grandsons, or granddaughters stationed overseas. The Palm Coast IOBG is now planning a Ball to help with raising funds to enrich the program.

This shows that the close cooperation between the IOBG and Auxl. Members is working to making things happen

District 8 President-Elect Frank Hutchinson & his wife Evelyn (a devoted Auxiliary member) are the quarterbacks of this program at Palm Coast Yacht Club.

Northwest Regional Director  
Michael L. Meyers

District 1 held their annual Change of Watch on September 25 at the Inn at Gig Harbor. The new board was elected and sworn into office by IOBGA International Past President Jackie Rudd.

I have chosen to serve a second term as District 1's President as did V.P. Paula Boeckman and Secretary Janice Kutz. Gretchen Emerson was elected as Treasurer.

Paula organized a fundraiser and several hundred dollars went to our charities - the Humanitarian Foundation, Make a Wish, and Wishing Star of Washington State

We are looking forward to another successful year with 32 renewed members and more on the way.



District 19  
Sue Meyer, President

The members of District 19 IOBGA wish to thank all those attending the convention in Alameda last month who donated to our charitable organization, the Delta all girls sea scout troop. Your donation will be used to help fund scholarship, furnish uniforms, finance entry fees for regattas and competitions and help in the ongoing task of maintaining and refurbishing their 95 foot all-aluminum Viet Nam era PT cruiser, the Liberty.

With your generosity, these girls can continue with their dreams and goals for this ship and their future in boating. So, on behalf of these young women and their adult volunteers, thank you.



The winner of the raffle for the beautiful and bountiful basket was PC Larry Draper but we of District 19's Auxiliary think all of you who bought a ticket or two are winners.

District 26  
Chris Swett, Mt.Sinai YC Secretary

Once again, the ladies of the IOBGA participated in the Annual Rib Dinner at the Mt. Sinai Yacht Club that our Blue Gavel guys cook up each year. We collect tickets, dish out the ribs, baked potatoes (both white and sweet this year), shrimp cocktail, and other fixings. This is a popular event every June at our club.

President Dottie Mahon has been busy arranging our second annual trip into NYC for November. The sold out event includes a continental breakfast at the club, a boxed lunch on the bus, orchestra seats for the Broadway show "Promises, Promises," and a full dinner served at the club. This trip is a fundraiser that will allow us to offer a scholarship next year for one of our club's kids heading off to college.

In September, the IOBG sponsored the First Annual Veterans Appreciation Day. Area veterans were treated to a boat ride on our MSYC members' boats and then attended a dedication service followed by a luncheon. IOBGA ladies helped serve these deserving veterans.

Our annual Food Drive will be held at our November Annual Meeting. Club members bringing canned goods and non-perishable paper products will receive a raffle ticket for each item donated. The IOBGA ladies will put together a "basket of goodies" that will be raffled at the end of the meeting. The donated items will be shared between four of our neighborhood food pantries.

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