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President Ray Thompson

It is hard to believe that seven months have passed since my inauguration in Orlando. The omission of a Winter Meeting certainly left a gap in our normal schedule. Never the less, much of the planned review and up-dating of our bylaws and Policy Manual has been completed and recommended changes were voted on at the Spring Regional meeting in Portland, Oregon. Additionally, our Policy Committee will accept and review all further member suggestions or criticism with a recommended course of action at the next Board Meeting. Having our Policies in constant review should eliminate long festering and bitter by-law turmoil such as we have experienced in the last several years.

To operate successfully, IOBG requires strong membership support and confidence. Confidence, in the fact that, all IOBG Officers, having been Yacht Club Commodores themselves, will support policies they strongly believe to be for the "Good of the Order". Confidence that our Voting Policy truly and fairly represents the will of the membership. Confidence that By-law and Policy revisions will be presented to the Board on a continual basis.

Many of our members, having been successful business people, expect IOBG to be operated in the same fashion as any successful business. While this is the generally accepted plan of operation, there are a number of significant differences. Term of Office (usually one year), level of available expertise, and of course, the rate of pay. Just considering these items alone should substantiate the fact that differences exist. One common factor however, is TEAM WORK! Most organizational internal success is directly proportional to the level of TEAM WORK expended.

The long term Value and Importance of the International Order of the Blue Gavel will be in its contributions to the Boating Community. With more confidence in our internal management, more thought and effort will be directed toward water and boating activities.





President Elect Vern Bendsen



If you were not in Portland, Oregon for our June Regional Meeting, you missed another good one.

Portland Yacht Club was the site of our Thursday meeting and delicious lunch. A Thank you to the Portland YC for hosting our meeting and lunch. And another Thank you to Tyee YC for their Friday night hospitality and delicious dinner.

Being involved with the revisions of the Bylaws has been an interesting experience. The experience being that of communicating to the membership about one single item - the bylaw changes.

Communicating the proposed bylaw changes to the membership has been frustrating, as well as satisfying. Frustrating because our communication to the membership still has a long way to go. I have heard from members who told me that they have not heard about the bylaws proposed changes from their Chapter President, District Director or Area VP. Some members said they learned about the changes in the LOG Newsletter. Satisfying because I have heard from members that their Chapter President, District Director or Area VP had done an excellent job communicating the proposed bylaw changes.

It is my feeling that we are making progress communicating to our membership. I feel that way because there were rank and file members who gave input to the proposed bylaw changes. Our organization is beginning to become more MEMBER ORIENTED because we are asking the members to be involved. And they are starting to respond. That is progress. Let us continue to work on improving our communication skills between the Executive Board, Area VPs, District Directors, Chapter Presidents and our Members.

The mail-in ballots for the bylaw changes were counted during the meeting. All the proposed changes were approved by very large margins. Our Policy and Procedures Manual will be amended to reflect the changes in the bylaws. This should be finished by our Annual Meeting in October.

Plans are complete for our October Annual Meeting in Alameda, CA. The dates are October 20 - 24, 2010. Details for the Annual Meeting are else where in this LOG or on our web site at www.iobg.org.

With Summer in full swing, it is hoped that all of you are having Fun being involved with your boating activities. Isn't that why we are in boating - to have FUN - So get on with it !

And let me leave you with this:

What lies at the bottom of the ocean and twitches?

A Nervous Wreck.

2010 Annual Meeting October 21 - 24, 2010

Mail-In Registration Form

Executive Inn & Suites
1755 Embarcadero
Oakland, CA 90606
1-800-346-6331

Encinal Yacht Club
1251 Pacific Marina
Alameda, CA 94501
510-522-3272

Wednesday, October 20

Hospitality Room - Hotel

Thursday, October 21

Lunch & Tour Aircraft Carrier Hornet

Dinner - Encinal Yacht Club

New York Steak with Brandy Sauce

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Friday, October 22

San Francisco Bay Boat Tour

Box Lunch Choices:

Ham___ Salami___ Turkey___ Vegetarian___

Dinner - Encinal YC - Southern BBQ Buffet

Saturday, October 23

IOBG Lunch - Encinal Yacht Club

IOBGA Bag Lady Pool Party - Bag Lunch - Hotel

Dinner, Dance & Installation of Officers - Encinal YC

Prime Rib

Salmon Stuffed with Crab

Vegetarian

No Persons	Cost	Total Cost
	No Charge	
_____ @	\$25.00	\$ _____
_____ @	\$25.00	\$ _____
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_____ @	Complements of Districts 19 & 14	
_____ @	\$10.00	\$ _____
_____ @	\$35.00	\$ _____
_____ @	\$25.00	\$ _____
_____ @	Complements of Lucy Anthony	
_____ @	\$65.00	\$ _____
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_____ @	\$65.00	\$ _____
	TOTAL:	\$ _____

Please call the Hotel for room reservations at 1-800-346-6331 before **Sept. 30, 2010.**

When making your reservations mention **Group #GR273EC** for the \$118 room rate.

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TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED: \$ _____

Your reservation must be received no later than **October 10, 2010**

2010 Annual Meeting

Schedule of Events

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Wednesday, October 20

Registration - Hotel	3 :00 - 8:00 PM
Hospitality Room - Hotel	4 :00 - 8:00 PM
Dinner - On Your Own	Open

Thursday, October 21

Registration - Encinal Yacht Club	8:00 - 11:30 AM
IOBG Meeting - Encinal Yacht Club	9:00 - 11:30 AM
IOBGA Meeting - Hotel	9:00 - 11:30 AM
Hornet Aircraft Carrier Tour & Lunch	12:00 - 4:00 PM (Casual Dress)
No Host Cocktails - Encinal Yacht Club	6:00 PM
Dinner - Encinal Yacht Club	7:00 PM

Friday, October 22

Registration - Encinal Yacht Club	8:00 - 11:30 AM
IOBG Meeting - Encinal Yacht Club	9:00 - 11:30 AM
IOBGA Meeting - Hotel	9:00 - 11:30 AM
San Francisco Bay Boat Tour & Lunch	12:00 - 4:00 PM (Departs from EYC/Casual Dress)
No Host Cocktails - Encinal Yacht Club	6:00 PM
Southern BBQ Buffet Dinner - Encinal YC	7:00 PM

Saturday, October 23

Registration - Encinal Yacht Club	8:00 - 10:00 AM
IOBG Meeting - Encinal Yacht Club	9:00 - 11:45 AM
IOBGA Meeting - Hotel	9:00 - 11:45 AM
IOBG Lunch - Encinal Yacht Club	12:00 - 1:30 PM
IOBGA Bag Lady Pool Party Lunch - Hotel	12:00 PM (Complements of Lucy Anthony - Dist 19)
IOBG Meeting Continued	1:30 - 3:00 PM
No Host Cocktails - Encinal Yacht Club	6:00 PM
Installation Dinner & Dance - Encinal YC	7:00 PM (Dress - Black Tie/Formal)

Sunday, October 24

IOBG Fall Regional Meeting - Hotel	Dress - Casual
	9:00 - 10:00 AM



First Vice President

Marc Connelly

The love Kathy and I have for Blue Gavel includes, what IOBG stands for and what IOBG accomplishes. Additionally we volunteer and appreciate the travel, boating experiences and making new friends and acquaintances.

At the Portland meeting we were very fortunate to spend time with P/C's Ron Timmerman, Lady Gayle Timmerman, Bill McKinney and Lady Margo McKinney. We can only say " Many Thanks " for your efforts !!! Great meeting, with lots accomplished.

I hope as a member, you have studied the by-law changes. President Elect Vern Bendsen spent hour after hour studying the by-laws and asking for your input. To benefit IOBG, our Chapters and you as a member, all changes were approved. "Thank You" Vern for your considerable efforts. Also a strong "Thanks" to you as an IOBG member for your thoughts and votes.

In a previous LOG newsletters, items were presented regarding your receipt of the newsletter. If you are having any problems (mail or e-mail) with receiving the LOG, please contact me!!! My phone, mail and e-mail are listed herein.

Sometime ago the LOG contained comments regarding individual knowledge of IOBG. Still questions persist:

Question: Can an individual member attend an Executive Committee meeting?
Answer: Yes, anytime. The only exception is where IOBG personnel is involved. Individual privacy is a very private item in IOBG

Question: What are our District Directors doing ?
Answer: Directors are expected to work with their Chapters and individual members. Feel free to ask your Director what he/she is doing as it pertains to your Chapter or your individual membership.

Question: I want to communicate with the Executive Committee.
Answer: Please do !!! IOBG is your organization. The Executive Committee is always at membership disposal. Contact anyone on the Executive Committee regarding any issue or question. (Rely on confidence)

Summer is here for all of us. Lets go boating !!!!!!!!

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 - or to request a set by mail, please contact:

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Second Vice President

Stephen Willing

Now that the June 2010 Portland Regional Meeting is over, I am happy to report on several items that I believe are of interest to our members.

The first item is the June Portland Meeting and the Rose Festival. The two are only loosely connected. The June Regional Meeting has been held in Portland for several years and our attendance is usually high. This is the area of the United States where the IOBG was created.

June was chosen because the Rose Festival also occurs at this time, where people from far and wide, attend to see the festival and to participate in the rose horticulture competitions. The Goodwill Ambassadors for the city of Portland are known as the Royal Rosarians, a group of 275 men and women. The Royal Rosarians modeled their mythical realm of Rosaria after the government of King Henry VII, whose rise to the throne in 1485 ended the War of The Roses. Each year, several prominent people are chosen to be knighted, and in a fitting ceremony they receive a gold emblem and a rose named in their honour.

This year, President Elect Vern Bendsen became Sir Vern Bendsen, Knight of the Rose 'Easy Does It'. Also knighted among others were Judith Gelen - Executive Director, Society for Haitian Arts and Culture, Croix-Des-Bouquets, Haiti; Brian Grant - Portland Trailblazers; Rear Admiral Gary T. Blore - USCG, Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District, Oregon; and Captain Paul Dempsey - Deputy Commander Canadian Fleet Pacific, Victoria, British Columbia. I could go on, but you get the idea, this is a pretty impressive group of people for us to be associated.

While it's true that the general membership does not individually benefit from this ceremony, the organization as a whole receives a tremendous amount of publicity and recognition from people who would otherwise never have any knowledge that we exist. Because our members do not pay anything for this portion of the weekend, the publicity comes at no cost to our members. The Rosarian festivities, if you wish to attend, are at your own expense.

The recent demise of some IOBG members brought another subject to mind. The Policy and Procedures Manual has an excellent Memorial Service. This service may be personalised or altered or by the IOBG member officiating. Recently at a District 25 funeral, over 60 members were in attendance, in navy blue blazers and grey slacks, to honour our friend. The family was deeply touched, and attendees not connected to boating, were moved by the respect shown to the deceased member through the IOBG service and prayers. The use of this service is common around the Great Lakes area, and I was surprised to learn this is not the case in other Districts. Please take a moment and look at the service, (online at IOBG.org) as your District might be interested in making use of this well written memorial.

On a final note. Shirley and I were happy once again, to see friends we have met over the years. Life is really all about the friends we meet, and the good times we share. If we all think about it, we can trace the people we have met through IOBG, back to our decision to join a boat club. For most of us, that's many years ago. People who pass on the opportunity to join IOBG as well as people who do, but fail to get involved, are missing the greatest asset the organization has to offer - friends. We look forward to meeting more friends at future regional meetings.

Please remember that the government of the USA, Department of Homeland Security, requires all persons entering the United States whether US citizens or not, to have a passport or other suitable identification such as a NEXUS card or an enhanced driver's licence. Trying to enter the USA without proper identification can make for a very long day! As an international organization, we can anticipate that an occasional regional meeting will be held outside the United States.

Enjoy your summer safely, on land or on our waterways.



Legal Officer George C. Knies

Mediation Process

Our Bylaws allow for mediation of conflicts that have exhausted the 'Chain-of-Command' resolution procedures.

The process of mediation entails two or more disagreeing parties coming together with a neutral third party, called a mediator, to air and resolve grievances. Mediation can be initiated either by any party or a leader appointing a mediator to help resolve a conflict which he/she knows exists..

Typically the mediator would set a time for the parties to meet. The session begins with all parties present, and each side begins with an opening statement listing his or her grievances and positions. After the initial session, the mediator meets separately with each side to explore further their points of view, and what compromises are possible. The mediator may shuttle back and forth several times to help the parties arrive at resolution. If the dispute is protracted, the parties may arrange to continue in future sessions. The mediator helps the parties work towards resolution. The mediation process ends either with resolution, or, if no resolution is possible, the parties may pursue other avenues, such as arbitration or litigation..

What can mediation achieve that two parties with a disagreement cannot on their own?

Dialogue is Established. When two persons are angry with each other, they often do not communicate. Because mediation supplies a structured format, the process brings the two sides together in a communicating environment, which is a first and major step in resolving a conflict.

Airing of Long-held Grievances. In conflict situations, we often hear that people want to give the other person "a piece of their mind". In a sense that does take place. As mentioned above, in a typical mediation, the two sides meet formally with the mediator. At the inception of the process, each side is given the opportunity to make an opening statement. This is an opportunity for each side to lay out all his or her grievances. The opportunity to lay out all one's grievances can be a cathartic experience, and can have a healing effect.

Mediation Flushes Out Hidden Assumptions. Often conflicts arise due to different values and incorrect assumptions each holds of the other person. During opening statements, each side can gain insight into the other. Much can be learned about the other side's motives and intentions. Frequently the parties learn that the assumptions they made about the other side are totally without basis. That begins to clarify issues and resolve conflicts.

If the parties were to get together on their own, with no mediator present, the probability is high that each will yell at the other. Neither listens; that type of meeting is unproductive and, in fact, counter-productive. The presence of a mediator is immensely important and useful. The mediator controls the mediation process and the decorum of the proceedings. If one side were to behave improperly, the mediator can request civil behavior. If it were merely a two-party meeting, lacking a mediator, when one side misbehaves, a request by the other side to be courteous may in fact escalate the tension. The very presence of the mediator in itself helps to avoid misbehavior.

Legal Officer Report Continued...

Opportunity to Explore Compromises. When the dispute consists of only the two sides with no mediator present, each side generally thinks of what demands he or she wants to make, with little or no thought of what might need to be given up. Stated somewhat differently, demands are at the fore, but thoughts on giving can be non-existent. Part of the role of the mediator is to facilitate the parties to arrive at an agreement. This neutral person can help each side in two respects. During the shuttling part of the process, the mediator can explore with the parties what each is willing to give to obtain what they want. Second, in addition to being a conduit of one side's view to the other, the mediator, as a neutral, can oftentimes see and propose possible solutions which may escape the two sides.

Confidential Treatment of Requested Information. If parties are left to their own devices without the help of a mediator, there is no one with whom to share confidential information. In a mediation environment, that opportunity exists and can help immensely in arriving at a resolution. In one-on-one situations, one side can offer views of the other side to the mediator. Perhaps that has to do with the perceived intent or motivation of the other side. Those remarks may sound accusatory, if made directly to the other side; sharing that information with the mediator, but asking that it be kept confidential, allows the mediator to appreciate the concerns of that party. This gives the mediator the opportunity to find potential solutions that address those concerns which would otherwise go unaddressed. In essence, the mediation process attempts to find avenues that can contribute to inter-personal conflict resolution, which the two parties on their own would have been unable to find because they remain embroiled with each other.



United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

By Larry Draper

Our local Flotilla was asked to teach a safe boating class to a group of Sea Cadets. We held the classes on Coast Guard Station at Yerba Buena Island in San Francisco, California. We had 18 in the class from the ages of 8 to 17. It was interesting for us who had been use to teaching adults.

Most of the material is geared to adults so it was difficult to keep the attention of the younger ones. Testing was done on-line. For those who pass the test received a certificate from the State of California Department of Boating and Waterways.

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.

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INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL

Summer Regional Meeting Registration



August 19 - 21, 2010

Baltimore, Maryland

EVENT SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 19

3:00 PM Registration - Sheraton Hotel & Resorts (Check-in)
4:00 - 7:00 PM Cocktail Party - Inner Harbor Marina - Pier (to be determined).
7:30 PM Dinner on your own (Restaurant of your choice)

Friday, August 20

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM IOBG Regional Meeting - Sheraton Conference Room (Potomac)
9:30 AM IOBGA Regional Meeting - Sheraton
12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch - Sheraton Hotel
1:00 - 2:30 PM IOBG Regional Meeting - Sheraton Conference Room (Potomac) - Cont.
2:45 PM Depart for Eastern Yacht Club
3:15 - 4:30 PM Cocktail Party Eastern Yacht Club
4:40 PM Depart for Otter Point Yacht Club
5:40 - 6:50 PM Cocktail Party Otter Point Yacht Club
7:10 PM Depart for Bush River Yacht Club
(some members can travel by boat to Bush River Yacht Club)
7:30 PM - 12:00 AM Dinner and Dance Bush River Yacht Club
12:30 AM Last Bus Departs for Sheraton Hotel

Saturday, August 21

8:00 - 9:00 AM Executive Committee Meeting - Sheraton Conference Room (Potomac)
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Membership Meeting - Sheraton Conference Room (Potomac)
12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch - Sheraton Hotel
1:00 - 2:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting - Sheraton Conference Room (Potomac)
3:00 PM Bus (1) Departs Sheraton Hotel. Bus (2) Departs Bush River Yacht Club
Destination - Annapolis Yacht Club
5:00 - 6:00 PM Cocktail Party at Annapolis Yacht Club
6:15 PM Depart for Kent Island Yacht Club
6:30 - 9:00 PM Dinner Kent Island Yacht Club
9:15 PM Bus Depart For Sheraton Hotel and Bush River Yacht Club

Sunday, August 22

Departure / Free Time

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EVENT & MEAL SELECTIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u># Persons</u>	<u>Total</u>
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Thursday, August 19

Cocktail Party	Inner Harbor Marina - E Pier	4 - 7:00 PM		Complimentary (District 27)
Dinner (On Your Own)		7:00 PM		Restaurant of your choice

Friday, August 20

Lunch	Sheraton Hotel & Resort	12 - 1:00 PM	___ X \$30.00	\$ _____
Dinner Dance	Bush River Yacht Club	8 - 12:00 PM	___ X \$30.00	\$ _____
Bus Transportation for Friday			___ X \$10.00	\$ _____

Saturday, August 21

Lunch	Sheraton Hotel & Resort	12 - 1:00 PM	___ X \$30.00	\$ _____
Dinner	Kent Island Yacht Club	7 - 9:15 PM	___ X \$35.00	\$ _____
Bus Transportation for Saturday			___ X \$20.00	\$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

EVENT REGISTRATION (Mail-In) FORM

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Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

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Baltimore, Maryland



Fun on the Chesapeake Bay Sponsored by District 27

Hotel Reservations The Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel

Room Cost
Single: \$129
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A personalized web site for your **Hotel Reservations** has been posted to the IOBG web site at www.iobg.org. Use this link for a fast & easy way to make your room reservations at the Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel.

Guests can access the site to learn more about the event and to book, modify, or cancel a reservation from **February 18, 2010 to August 24, 2010**.



US Sailing Representative Report

by Bill Thayer

February 2010

The annual Meeting in League City, Texas, elected three new Directors and Gary Jobson was named President.

In November, the Floating Doctors organized by Dr. Benjamin LaBrat, departed St Augustine, Florida aboard a 76' sailboat named *Southern Wind* with a crew of 15 and 20,000 lbs of medical supplies on a medical humanitarian cruise utilizing the wind and the sun as energy. They will sail to 15 countries in Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 amendments are effective January 1, 2010.

U S Sailing's Annual Appeal raised over \$150,000 from nearly 700 members to fund and expand new initiatives.

Bora Gulari and Anne Tunnicliffe were Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the Year.

The December 30 weekly newsletter looked back at 2009 highlights, what a year it was!

Safety at Sea Seminars began in February with the first one held at the California Maritime Academy. The schedule is on the web site.

Larry Ellison and the crew aboard *BMW Oracle* brought the Americas Cup back to the USA in an astounding trouncing of the Swiss Boat *Alinghi*.

May 2010

As US Sailing sails into another sailing season, so also begins the regular schedule of events, Racing, Education, Safety and Cruising, which most if not all of you have read about or been involved with begins to unfold. With US Sailing now on Face Book and Twitter, in addition to their own website, there is not a lot I can enlighten you with, but I will report on successes and new endeavors they are involved in.

US Sailing strengthens support of college sailing by creating a new four year membership designed specifically for the college sailor, and is partnering with the Intercollegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) to create a new college website (icsa-collegesailing.org). The website will consist of more scheduling and sailing info dealing with the college sailor including college rankings and an article on the College Sailor of Week.

US Sailing's Safety at Sea Seminars kicked off returning to Toronto in April with American offshore gurus, John Rousmaniere and John Bonds stepping in front of 300 sailors. The event was hosted by the Royal Canadian Yacht Club.

US Sailing's interview with BMW ORACLE Racing Team Tactician John Kosteki was quite enlightening on both the America's Cup and Offshore Racing. It can be picked up on the website in the archived May 5th newsletter.

US Sailing's interview with Stanford Head Coach John Vandemoer gives some good insight into collegiate racing. It can be picked up on the website archives in the May 19 newsletter.

The US Sailing Speaker Series Kicked off at the Sarasota Yacht Club on April 20th.

The Racing Rules of Sailing now have a iPhone Application.

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In Remembrance...

Edward G. Kendrick

1998 International Past President

Edward G. Kendrick (Ted) was born in San Francisco August 21, 1937. He graduated from John O'Connell Technical High School in 1955 and immediately joined the Navy. He spent two years active duty and the remainder of his tour in the reserves. He was discharged in 1962. Ted liked to tell people that he spent his entire career at the Oakland Naval Air Station in Oakland, CA and that he was a veteran of the gas war.

Ted married Mary Brennan in 1958. At the time of his death his family had grown to three children; Ed, Scott & Diane. They gave him four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

In 1960 they moved to Pacifica, CA where they lived for 17 years. During that time he became a business owner, volunteered with the Civil Defense and joined the police reserves. He later went on to join the Pacifica Police Department and worked as a patrol officer, court officer and was certified by the FBI as a small arms instructor running the officer training program at the range.

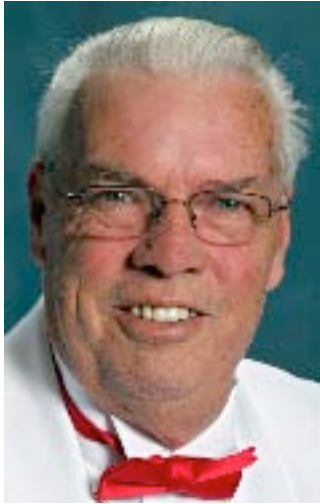
In 1977 he left the department and packed up his family and moved to Antioch, CA where he helped his brother-in-law start a new business. This is where his journey in boating began.

He bought his first boat in 1979 and joined the San Joaquin Yacht Club on Bethel Island in 1981. He worked his way through the Chairs and became Commodore in 1985. After that he joined Driftwood Yacht Club in Antioch as a Charter Member and was also a member of Noble Island Boat Club.

He joined The International Order of the Blue Gavel in 1986 and was one of a group that convinced the International Board that the Delta needed its own Chapter. This was the beginning of District 19. Ted again started through the Chairs and worked his way through District President, Director and Southwestern Vice President. While all the time attending the International Board meetings wherever they were. With the help of a group of energetic members in District 19, Ted was voted onto the International Board and became IOBG International President in 1998. Ted was totally focused on his Office and served the IOBG with dedication and pride.

In 2005 Ted decided it was time to relax. He retired from the company he helped start 28 years prior, got a dog named Misty, bought a motorhome and sold his boat. He, Mary and Misty traveled the country as often as they could. He kept his membership in San Joaquin Yacht Club and kept in touch with what was going on with IOBG through the LOG newsletter and his many friends.

Ted passed away on June 2, 2010 at the age of 72.



Northwestern *V.P.*

Districts 1, 2, 4, 5 & 24

Art Kovarnik

Well we're coming to the end of another year. This past year has really gone by fast.

It is my hope to see a great turnout for the change of watch for International. This year it will be in sunny Oakland, California. There are many things planned for this October and California is a great place to get warm and dry out for all us Northwest members!

District #5 is doing great things and growing fast. Thanks to all in District #5 and keep up the good work. District #1 has lost a few members but still bringing in new members.

I'd like to thank all the Northwest area for there support this past year and I'm looking forward to this up coming year. If I can help any of your Chapters please give me a call or an e-Mail to akovarnik@msn.com. It is imporant that we all work together to support IOBG in any way we can. This is our organization. If we want something out of IOBG, we all need to be willing to put something in.

I hope everyone has a safe wonderful summer. Carol and I are on our way to Ouray, Colorado for a couple weeks. So far the weather has been great.

District 1
Mary Nye Meyers, Alternate Director

District 1 held it's Spring regional meeting on April 9 - 11, 2010 at the newly completed Clover Island Yacht Club in Kennewick, WA. What a beautiful, new yacht club! Four new members were inducted into IOBG during the Mexican Fiesta weekend festivities. Many thanks to Clover Island Yacht Club for hosting the meeting.



We would like to thank District 5 President Ron Timmerman and Vice President Bill McKinney for joining us at the Spring meeting. District 5 is our neighbor encompassing southwestern Washington and Oregon. Ron and his Board have made great strides in the growth and evolution of their District.



Here in the Pacific Northwest, our largest Opening Day is held at Seattle Yacht Club on the first weekend in May. Nearly 300 boats participate in the ceremonies and parade.

District 1 and the International Order of the Blue Gavel were well represented by (pictured left to right) Auxiliary President Michael Meyers, 2nd Vice President Phil Osterli, 1st Vice President David Kutz and President Robert Weber.

Our Change of Watch and Fall regional meeting is scheduled for September 24 - 26, 2010 in Gig Harbor, WA. On Saturday night, bring your beach attire and come join us for a Margaritaville party. Parrotheads and Jimmy Buffett fans get ready!



District 4 Betty Harris-Peake, Secretary (British Columbia, Canada)
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My Paralympic Torchbearer Experience

When the announcement went out asking people to put their names in to be an Olympic runner, my husband, Dennis, excitedly said 'I'll put our names in'. I replied, 'I don't know about that, I can't run, and I don't know if I could even walk far enough', with arthritis some days I'm not sure I can walk 20 feet, never mind run, AND, I'd have to carry a lit torch!

The next time I heard about the run, was when Den, with one of my co-workers, came into the office, where I work part time, handed me a piece of paper and said read this. It was an invitation for me to run in the Paralympic Relay. This was the day before I was scheduled to have surgery on my right wrist (due to arthritis), and all I could think of was I would have to run (???) a certain distance and carry a torch. I expressed my doubts!

Den and the other lady were so excited and they said 'You'll be fine'. I found out later Den had talked to several people in City Hall, as well as my manager and my name was submitted for the relay.

As the next few weeks passed, emails went back and forth, all I could think of was I had to walk and carry a torch!

The night before the relay, I had to attend an information session downtown and pick up the outfit they give to all the torchbearers. They explained the torch would only be lit as it was exchanged and turned off the moment the next torch was lit. Once a runner was in the van the torch would be opened and the canister would be cut out of the torch. The relay was to go around Robson Square, and we were to walk, not run, as people complained there was not enough time to take a photo before the torch had gone past.

Each runner was asked to say something about themselves. There were some very touching moments: one fellow said he'd lost both of his legs below the knees in Afghanistan, a lady said very shortly after her son was born, both feet had to be amputated. She said she thought she would never smile again, and now she was all smiles as her son had won a gold medal in sledge hockey and could win another one.

My location was Robson and Bute at 1052 Friday, March 12, 2010.

I had kept my eyes on the weather for several days before the relay. I was pleasantly surprised when I awoke on March 12, no rain! I was to arrive at the information office, dressed in the outfit, at 8:30 am. We decided to arrive early so we could have something to eat, which we did.

We went into the office and I received my number, 271, and torch which I could purchase, if I wanted to keep it. (I did.) About 20 people went into each van, and were driven to their location. When each person got out of the van they were cheered.

In the van the coordinator was in constant touch regarding the time. We were ahead of schedule so she said walk SLOWLY. Whew! As a person had their torch lit, the driver would move on to the next exchange point ahead.

When the 270th person started his section of the relay, it began to rain, and it poured for the next hour!

When I got out of the van at my location, there were many people on the street, people I used to work with, people I work with now, people Den works with, some of my Friday curling pals, five ladies I play bridge with, and one lady I used to go to school with. What a pleasant surprise! (Den had emailed most people with whom I keep in contact.)



Once my torch was lit, I held it with both hands, walked along Robson with all of my friends following me. Just past Thurlow, I lit the next person's torch, my torch flame was lowered, I got back into the van and the canister was removed, I walked back to say hello to my friends and many photos were taken.

Den and I had promised the people in our offices we would come back to let them see the torch, which we did. More photos were taken!

Then it was off to LiveCity on Georgia Street, where Den had worked during the Olympics (and would work there for the Paralympics), where Mayor Gregor Robertson and John Furlong were going to make speeches. More photos were taken, and I even got to shake John Furlong's hand and have my photo taken with him. He looked very tired.

After the speeches, and photos at LiveCity, it was off to see the Paralympic Opening Ceremonies with my friend.

It was a very long day, but thinking back it was an amazing and delightful experience, something I will always remember.

(Some husbands do have your best thoughts in mind!)





Southwestern V.P.

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

Gary McGrath

It has been a busy year so far for my wife and I. In February we attended the Driftwood Yacht Club's Change of Watch dinner where I installed their new Officers for 2010.

On March 13th and 14th, I, my wife Estella, Phil and Carol Promessi attended Marina Del Ray's Opening Days. It was a hectic two days as we visited three yacht club opening ceremonies each day and a new IOBG member was inducted at each club. We were on the go from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day but it was very interesting to see how each club had a similar but different ceremony.

In April, my wife and I attended the opening day ceremony at the San Joaquin Yacht Club and met with some of their IOBG members.

On May 16, Estella and I, along with several other District 19 members, attended District 14's General Membership meeting. It was interesting to hear some of the programs they are using to secure new members in their District. Also they will again be heavily involved in the Summer Sailstice. Both District 19 and 14 had boats representing IOBG that participated in the PICYA Wheelchair Regatta.

On a general basis, both Districts 19 and 14 are having fundraising events for Vern Bendson's inauguration.

On a sad note, last Sunday, my wife and I attended the funeral services for International Past President Ted Kendrick. It was a fine tribute to Ted and you will be happy to know it was well attended by many IOBG members as well as International Past President Larry Foote.

District 14

Lenworth Gordon, Dist. Director

In District 14 we started the year 2010 with a full slate of officers and activities for enhancing the prospects for reaching specified goals to include:

1. Increasing the membership of IOBG District 14 and the IOBGA
2. Outreach to our current membership for renewing their commitment to serve
3. Sharpen our focus on fundraising programs (old and new) with greater emphasis on the Humanitarian Foundation, as well as, our local initiatives
4. Provide targeted support to the Greater IOBG programs.

We inducted three members early in the year at the Encinal Yacht Club. Later on at the Island Yacht Club we brought on board another member who served in the Auxiliary for some time as our webmaster immediately after he completed his term as their Commodore. Then at our Crab Feed in May, Renee Gordon, International Auxiliary Treasurer, recruited three members for the IOBGA.



This joint meeting was designed and approached in a formal format, bringing the family together in all our outreach communications. The basic idea is to develop program formats, which will respect the contribution of the family unit, and mirror the joint process of the International Conferences.



The 2010 Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser, held in March 2010, at the Berkeley Yacht Club received modest attendance but still enough of us to make a few dollars. The fresh crabs were delicious and the complimentary Jazz entertainment by John Zellabach Trio of Berkeley Yacht Club provided superb atmosphere and a delight to our guests.

We continue with special attention to support the inauguration of President-Elect Vern Bendsen in October of 2010, as well as, our response to the IOBG 2010 By-Law changes. To do this we called a special joint general meeting of the IOBG and IOBGA members of D14 with special invitation to Officers of D19 and the South Western IOBG Officers. All areas were well represented. D14 also made a commitment to assist IOBG in broadening information directed to their overseas Chapters for greater effectiveness and increased membership worldwide.



IOBG members assisting other boating organizations with safe boating education



Master of Ceremonies, Dave Blivin with Grand Marshall, Redwood City Vice Mayor, Alicia Acuirre

The Annual 2010 South Bay Opening Day enjoyed increased community participation. We stand poised for the up coming Summer Sailstice events at the Treasure Island Yacht Club. D14 is paying special attention to how this program is growing worldwide, and sees a vision of this as a possible vehicle for IOBG to embrace Yacht Clubs worldwide.



Blue Max and SYC El Toro fleet - Sequoia Yacht Club, Jr. Sailing

As our President-Elect Vern Bendsen spoke at the Portland Conference of the importance of Cogent Communications, we feel a sense of synergy as we presented our contributions therein. We presented complete information of Northern California Chapters, compiled within "Yachting Yearbooks" compliments of the Pacific Interclub Yachting Association. Our desire is to bridge information to Chapters in Northern California and all other IOBG Chapters and to welcome them to the General Conference and inauguration of our own President-Elect Vern Bendsen in October of 2010.



North Central V.P.

Districts 7, 9, 23, 25

Tom Lyon

The spring has been busy in the North Central Region. I have attended numerous Board and general membership meetings during the Winter and Spring months.

District 7 held a rendezvous in Huron Ohio at the Huron Boat Basin honoring the Greater Cleveland Boating Association the weekend of June 25.

District 25 and District 9 had well attended meetings and discussions on the by-law changes were discussed at both. District 9 had a wonderful Humanitarian Fundraising event and the food was outstanding.

My apologies for not getting on the West and North side of Michigan to visit District 23

District 25

District 25 held a rendezvous in honor of President Russell Skitch, held at Great Lakes Steel Boat Club during the weekend of June 25 and 26th.





Sharon Skitch
Dist. 25 Auxiliary President

Russell Skitch
Dist. 25 President



Pictured left to right:
Stephen Willing, International 2nd Vice President
Commodore Mary Alderman, Great Lakes Steel Boat Club
Tom Lyon, North Central Vice President
Russell Skitch, District 25 President

District 7

District Director Joel Kay discussed the very busy schedule this past spring between Cleveland and Columbus with events in which both IOBG and IOBGA participated.

We had an Executive Meeting to discuss the new bylaws, voted on them and encouraged members to access the IOBG website.

Member David Friedman passed away, I attended the Memorial Service.

With summer coming we are looking forward to getting new members.



Members from District 7 celebrated 2010 President Matthew Schmidt's President's Ball in style on the Riviera Maya, Mexico's Grand Palladium Resort & Spa. The week-long celebration included tours amongst other activities at the all-inclusive resort. From L-R P/C John & Cindy Wierzchowski; Lee & Margie Wierzchowski; P/C Robert & Barbara Sefcovic; D7 President Matthew & Andrea Schmidt; D7 P/P Scott & Laura Croxford; P/C Al & P/P IOBG Hildegard Gebhardt; P/C Warren & Mary Anne Dempster.



As you can see food was in great abundance as P/C Warren Dempster gets ready to tackle this hefty lobster at dinner for D7 President's Ball week in Mexico.



Northeastern V.P.

Districts 3, 12, 20, 26, 27

Chuck Browning

District 3



Jack S. Cobler, 83, of Amherst, NY, died Monday, April 19, 2010, peacefully in Brothers of Mercy in Clarence with his family at his bedside. Mr. Cobler was born May 31, 1926. Jack was a Pilot trainee in the Army Air Force during World War II. After the war, he went to work for the Buffalo branch of the National Casket Co. selling funeral supplies to area funeral homes. He was there for ten years and in 1956 purchased Buffalo Funeral Car Service Inc. He rented hearses and limousines to many funeral homes in western New York and in 1998 sold the business and retired. He met his wife Agnes while skiing in 1946. Being an avid skier, he took his family skiing to most of the areas of Vermont, New Hampshire, Quebec and many times to the Italian and Swiss Alps. They spent the summers aboard the family cruiser, "Five Seas" traveling Lake Erie, the Niagara River,

Finger Lakes and the Thousand Islands. He was a former member of the Concord Ski Club, Niagara Ski Club, Buffalo Ski Club, Sandy Beach Yacht Club, Past Commodore of the LaSalle Yacht Club, Buffalo Yacht Club, **Past President of the International Order of the Blue Gavel District #3**, Buffalo Rotary Club, LeChaine Rotessurs, Safety Officer for the Niagara Power Squadron, Past President of the Buffalo Funeral Vehicles Owners Assn. and life member of the Ellwood Fire Co.

District 26

Held their dinner meeting at the Huntington Yacht Club and had dinner at Tutto Pazzo in Huntington New York on June 2, 2010. District 26 members always have a great time at their dinner meetings.

District 27

Is holding their first annual Golf Outing in support of our wounded soldiers. They are hoping for a big turnout. At least 20 wounded warriors plan to attend.

The Courses Fort Meade



The International Order of the Blue Gavel District 27 is an International Association of Past Commodores on the Chesapeake Bay. The main function of District 27 is to Support Charity, and this year we are supporting our Wounded Veterans and their Families through the Vet's on the Bay Foundation, they have honored our returning wounded veterans and their families by helping them break away from their hospital routine and enjoy a relaxing family day on the Chesapeake Bay. The average stay at Walter Reed Hospital is 18 months, and Vet's on the Bay offers 3 to 4 outings during each May-October boating season. We would like to challenge everyone to help raise funds for this wonderful project during 2010.

District 27 Continued



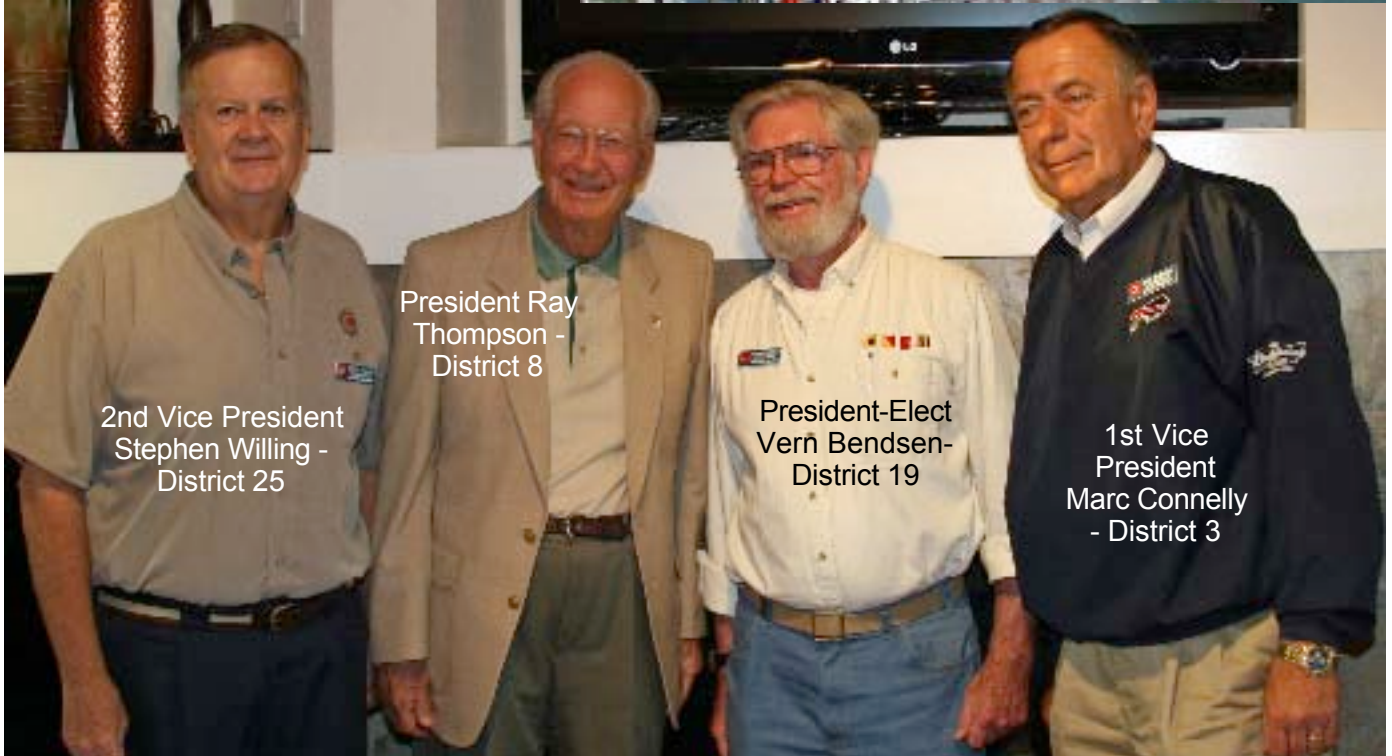
Bush River Yacht Club has completed the facelift of their club. It has taken several months; however, the club will look great for the visiting International Order of the Blue Gavel, Summer Meeting scheduled for August 20 - 22. For more information go to Bush River web site, www.bushriveryachtclub.org.



1st Vice President Marc Connelly & Kathy - District 3 Members



2010 Summer Regional Meeting
Hosted by District 27
August 20-22, 2010

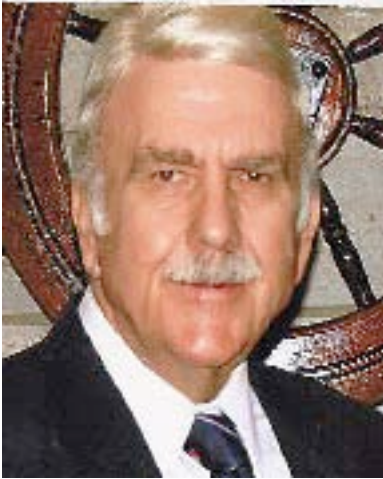


2nd Vice President Stephen Willing - District 25

President Ray Thompson - District 8

President-Elect Vern Bendsen - District 19

1st Vice President Marc Connelly - District 3



Southeastern V.P.

Districts 8 & 18 Tom Sullivan

From time to time the question is asked, “What does Blue Gavel do for me?” and the response is “What do you do for the Blue Gavel?” In other words, there is a direct correlation between these two questions.

Did you know that Royal Palm Yacht Club’s Blue Gavel Chapter has a “Burial at Sea” program which is available to all members and their immediate families; and has been operational for many years.

A committee consisting of a member of Royal Palm’s Blue Gavel Chapter along with local Clergy and a licensed Funeral Director makes this happen. The IOBG Chapter President makes all contacts and coordinates all arrangements.

What does Blue Gavel do for me?

District 8 Lee Clifford, Director

District 8 has so far this year had two very successful meetings under the leadership of our President, Thomas Joe Dowdell, at Vero Beach Yacht Club and Marathon Yacht Club. Two more meetings are scheduled yet this year.

We have been fortunate to have International President Ray Thompson at our meetings. Ray is a District 8 member. I might also mention Past International President Harvey Sussel and International Southeastern Vice President Tom Sullivan attend also.

The “jump ship” guys, “brand X” or FCA are constantly trying to woo members from our Chapters. No luck. Our loyal members are proud to belong to a strong international organization with a background of many years and a history of being generous to needy causes.

Our last meeting was in Marathon, Florida. Marathon is in the Florida Keys (small islands) south of Miami and about halfway between Miami and Key West, southernmost place in the US. Marathon Yacht Club is the home club of our District 8 President. The meeting was lively. Among the items addressed was the passage of revised amendments, district split (no action) and information from International President-Elect Vern Bendsen concerning International nominations procedures.

If you or a fellow Blue Gavel member are interested in an International District 8 office, let me know and I will contact you. Also, please let me know if your club would be willing to host one of our four meetings next year.

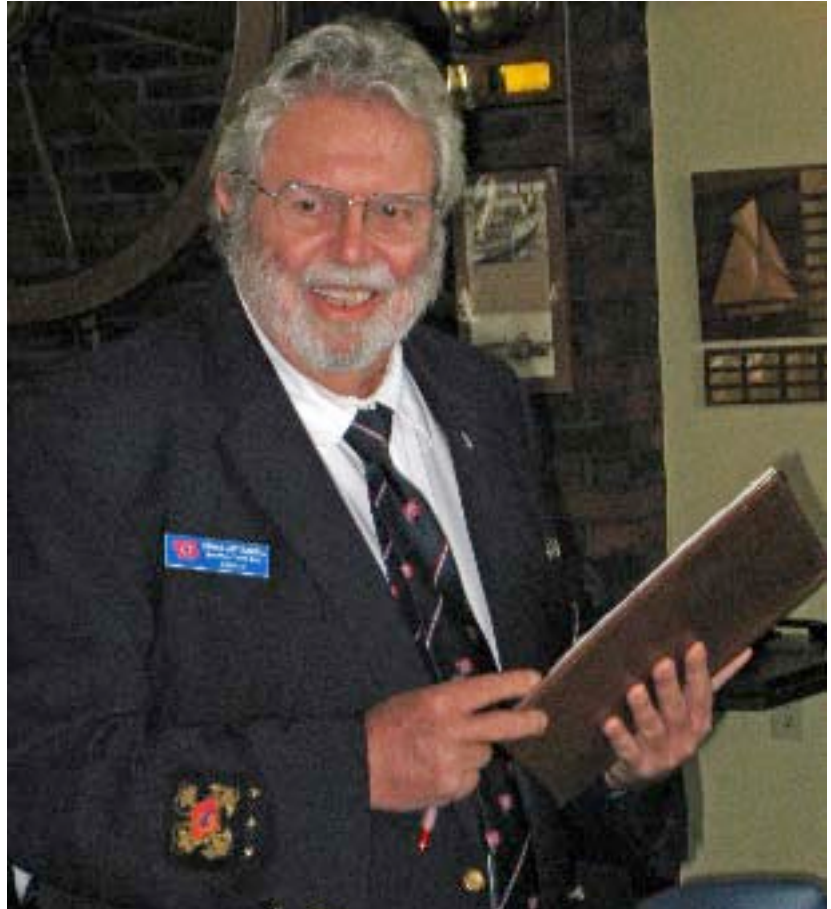
Be proud. You belong to the best.

District 18

District 18 is moving ahead under the leadership of it's President, PC Mike Barbrow (Ft. Loudoun Yacht Club). Funds have been released by the International to Treasurer PC Randy Blalock (Ft. Loudoun Yacht Club) and Vice President PC Buzz Bisanz (Allatoona Yacht Club) who are involved with the District's planning.

Memorial day weekend found Ft. Loudoun visiting the Chattanooga Yacht Club and Chattanooga returns with a visit to Ft. Loudoun in July.

District 8 President Joe Dowdell
speaking at
the Spring Regional Meeting in
Portland, Oregon.



District 51 Walter Kadyk, Director

There are currently 10 paid up members in District 51. We did not lose any members this year but we did not gain any as well.

I have sent correspondence to all paid up members but have not gotten any replies yet. I am also sending out a letter to those on the roster who have not paid up but still are on the list. I have not received any official stationery yet from International after a few requests. My goal is to get some of the past members back in the fold.

My one At-Large District with 2 past members is silent. There are 6 members from the Houston ,Texas area with 5 from Houston Yacht Club and 1 from Lakewood Yacht Club. We have 1 member also from Austin Yacht Club in Texas so it appears that Texas is the 70% core of District 51.

We have 1 member from Japan. 1 from Arizona, 1 from Iowa I will continue to work to build the membership via personal mail, etc.

District 51 did cast our 1 vote for the Bylaws issue.

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International Order of the Blue Gavel Auxiliary

President Lucy Anthony

Happy days are here again with the lazy hazy days of summer. It has been a very wet spring. On the way to Regional meeting in Portland Oregon we go by Lake Shasta which in the past years has been very low and this year it was full and beautiful with the back drop of snow crested majestic Mt. Shasta as a back drop. House boats and pleasure boats were out in force on the Lake with miles and miles to explore and travel. This will be a great year for boating and enjoying all of nature's treasures.

It was a pleasure to see all the IOBG and IOBGA members to renew friendships and conversation of the months gone by since Florida. Portland Yacht Club had the accommodations to facilitate both meetings and a wonderful luncheon. Portland Yacht Club has a great ship store also.

The IOBGA meeting gave us all a chance to get caught up on the doings of the various Chapters giving us all an insight to changes into the yachting world and how to make it better. Mary Nye Meyers spoke on the web site. Please explore this area of knowledge at www.iobga.org. Marion Hughes from IOBG also spoke to the ladies. It was my pleasure to be introduced to IOBG and speak on behalf of IOBGA.

Portland is my birth place and home for decades before I moved to California. I find going back every year is a pleasure and to be guests of the Royal Rosarians is the best. It is a great honor to be part of the knighting ceremony and witness your friends become Knights or Dames. Thank you Sir Vern Bendson.

Tyee Yacht Club had a BBQ dinner with music and entertainment that was superb. A beautiful yacht club on the water nestled among yachts and the beauty of the river.

See you all in Baltimore, Maryland and be prepared to have a great time at this Regional meeting.

Remember to reach out and share your boating with all. That we may teach and encourage others to become active in boating for we are the bridge to the future. See you BFS Audrey.



Northwest Regional Report
Betty Hinckley, Northwest Regional Director

District 1 continues to grow under the leadership of Mike Meyers, the first male President of IOBGA in the history of the District 1. At the Spring Meeting on April 11-13, 2010, held at Clover Island Yacht Club in Kennewick, WA., Mike gave all the 25 attending IOBGA members gifts that were useful tools!

The Raffle was very successful with the money divided between the Humanitarian Foundation, Make-a-Wish, and Wishing Star. District 5 joined in the Mexican Fiesta. There are 48 members with seven additional new members installed.

Welcome
New
District 1
Auxiliary
Members



District 15
Judy Longfellow, President

As my Presidency of IOGBA comes to a close I would like to share an overview of our last 14 months. We started our year with the IOBGA 2nd annual Yacht Club Management Seminar on January 17, 2009. Again, it was a rousing success with many new people in attendance. People were good to share traditions and ideas from their yacht clubs that are always beneficial to new spouses of the board officers and everyone else as well.

In February the Winter Regional IOBG Meeting was held at the Bahia Resort Hotel. Our Auxiliary set up an area at Mission Bay YC to host an IOBGA meeting with all of the visiting members. It was lots of fun to meet members from all over the region.

We had our New Member Luncheon in March at the Bali Hai Restaurant on Shelter Island. We started with a fun "mixer" by playing Bingo, made up of info that each guest gave when they made their reservations. They had to find each person who matched the info in the different squares on their Bingo cards. It was great fun and certainly a wonderful way to get acquainted with everyone. We also raffled off two baskets of which a portion of the money was donated to the Humanitarian Fund. The food was delicious and I think that everyone went away having had a good time.

April and May we were kept busy traveling to all of the Opening Days in our area, and sometimes even beyond our area.

In June we had fun at the annual IOBG Bar-B-Que which was held at the NYCSD on their beach in Coronado. The food was wonderful and the fellowship even better. A great time was had by all.

In September we held our first fundraiser for the San Diego National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic by having a Phantom Cruise. This worked out great, as you really didn't have to go anywhere. Just donate money for a really good cause. We were able to raise around \$900 and were very excited about our success. We hope to make this an annual event and raise our goal to \$1000 plus!

We had planned a bus trip to Viejas in November for a fun day of Christmas shopping, lunch and a little gambling, but because we hadn't made the arrangements 3-4 months in advance (my bad), we were unable to do this. Hopefully we can do it this coming year.

Since we were not sure if we were going to have any of our officers continue, we had a special meeting in October and invited and encouraged members to join us and help us out with ideas and hopefully get volunteers to hold an office for the coming year. Well, luck was with us and 3 of our officers decided to stay on, and one of our new members volunteered to fill our other office. How excited we were. We were so afraid our group was going to fade away. Our new officers for 2010 will be President-Denise Merino, Mission Bay YC, Vice-President-- Nina Hall, Venture YC, Secretary-Bill Thayer, Santa Margarita YC, Treasurer-Dawn Nemoy, Mission Bay YC. Judy Longfellow volunteered to be in charge of the fundraiser for the S.D. Veterans Sport Clinic again. We will break tradition and install our new officers at our New Member Lunch in February. In the past we have combined with the IOBG October Dinner Meeting for both the IOBG/IOBGA installations of the new officers.

Once again in January, we had our 3rd annual Seminar for Spouses of flag Officers and Board Members of our local area yacht clubs. At was another successful event with a good turnout representing many different yacht clubs. I think everyone went away with many helpful ideas and information to make their year go smoothly. I don't know what I would have done without them. They certainly helped to make our year a great success.

Our New Member Lunch was held on February 27th at Mission Bay Yacht Club where we welcomed our new members and installed our new officers.

I want to thank my wonderful board: Denise Merino-Vice-President, Bill Thayer-Secretary, and Dawn Nemoy-Treasurer. They all were great to take their responsibilities seriously and were there for me any time their assistance was needed. I know that our new board will continue to make IOBGA proud and I wish them nothing but success with another year of fun and excitement.

I wish you "Fair Winds and Following Seas".

District 26

The IOBGA held their 5th annual Fashion Show and Luncheon on May 23rd at the Mt. Sinai Yacht Club. The successful event was attended by sixty-eight ladies.



Fashion Bug clothes were modeled by IOBGA members and family, over fifty baskets and prizes were raffled off, and \$1,100 was donated to five local food pantries and to the Wounded Warriors. A cappuccino machine was also purchased for the MSYC.



A scholarship for \$500 was presented to Kara Haas, granddaughter of Cathy and Ron Prwivo, by President Dottie Mahon from monies raised from last year's bus trip to NYC. The ladies are busy planning another trip to Broadway for November.

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