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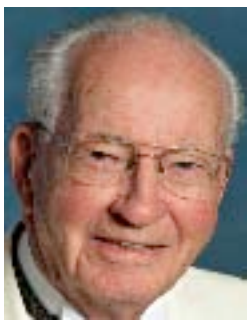
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The mission of IOBG is to recognize past commodores of the international yachting community and unite them in order to promote the highest ideals of yachting, and preserve its customs and traditions through social, educational and humanitarian programs.



In an earlier report I wrote it was my hope our critically motivated internal analysis might be quickly and amicably resolved, so that more of our time could be spent on boating and water related activities. Our recent membership vote of approval of a number of revised and/or rewritten By-laws should enhance our opportunity to become more deeply involved in the many issues facing the boating community.

As if on cue, I have recently received two phone calls asking the extent of IOBG's knowledge and involvement in certain water related issues. For example, one caller asked the extent of our knowledge concerning the established governmental water pollution standards of Puget Sound in Washington State. A second caller asked if any governmental standards have been established concerning oil contamination in the Gulf of Mexico. In fielding these two questions, it became crystal clear to me how little IOBG was involved in any fashion with either governmental or political machinations regarding water or boating issues.

To live up to our Mission Statement, we should make an effort to the best of our ability, to alert members to these issues. Hopefully we will have an informative article in each issue of the LOG Newsletter, which would be interesting, as well as educational. Further, members having first hand knowledge of any new or revised regulations, should submit that information in writing, so that it may be reviewed and passed on to fellow members.



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President Elect Vern Bendsen



A big Thank You to District 27 for hosting our Summer Regional Meeting in Baltimore. You were true to your word that we would have fun. Of course there was a Blue Gavel business meeting also.

As the year 2010 comes to a close for our Blue Gavel, each of us reviews what has transpired the past year.

From my point of view, some very positive changes have been made. The changes in our Bylaws allows for more member input, for better communication and a clearer understanding of what we are doing. Which means, we are beginning to become a more Member Oriented organization.

Our 2010 Annual Convention is just around the corner. The dates are October 20 - 24th. The Executive Inn & Suites in Oakland, California is where we are staying. The beautiful Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda, California is where our meetings will be



Plans have been made for a Thursday lunch and tour on the Aircraft Carrier Hornet.



Seeing San Francisco Bay from a District 19 and 14 member's boat is set for Friday afternoon.

Saturday night is the big event. The Installation/ Dinner Dance will held at Encinal Yacht Club. District 19 with District 14, have done an outstanding job putting 'Convention 2010' together.

We are all looking forward to seeing you. Please make you reservations now, because the rooms are filling up.

Mail-In Registration Form

2010 Annual Meeting October 21 - 24, 2010

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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_____ @	Compliments of Districts 19 & 14	
_____ @	\$10.00	\$_____
_____ @	\$35.00	\$_____
_____ @	\$25.00	\$_____
_____ @	Complements of Lucy Anthony	
_____ @	\$65.00	\$_____
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	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.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "IOBG Convention 2010" AND SEND THIS ENTIRE FORM TO:

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District Number _____ Office Held _____

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Spouse/Guest is a member of IOBG _____ IOBGA _____

TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED: \$ _____

2010 Annual Meeting

Schedule of Events

October 21 - 24, 2010

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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 (Compliments 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	<u>Dress - Casual</u> 9:00 - 10:00 AM
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First Vice President

Marc Connelly

First and foremost I would like to thank PC Chuck Browning and his committee. The Baltimore regional meeting was terrific.

This was my third trip to the Chesapeake. What a great boating area. It was quite interesting to see Annapolis harbor when there was not a boat show being conducted.

People periodically ask about benefits of IOBG. A benefit of a Regional meeting is to meet new people who share the same interests as you do, except in a different area of the country. But even more beneficial is to see what other IOBG Chapters and members are accomplishing. Many of the local ideas and practices may certainly be applicable to our home Districts and Chapters.

The Chesapeake meetings were solid, with lots accomplished. Watch for several new initiatives to be announced during and after the International meeting in October.

I have previously written, regarding receiving the LOG via e-mail, some of you have made the change but we have a ways to go. You benefit because it arrives earlier, you can view in full color, print the pages you want and then you can save it on your own computer.

If you winter at a different address, e-mail is the perfect answer. Perfect because if you forget to change your address the US Postal Service will only forward First Class mail.

Challenge! We all have ideas of what we would like our organization to be like. E-mail me your ideas at MDC@choiceonemail.com

It is currently 90 degrees here in Buffalo. Time to head for the boat. Kathy and I look forward to seeing you in California in October.

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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If you're like me, you're probably wondering, where did the summer go? It has been busy, but all the same I can't believe that it's coming to a close.

The regional meeting in Baltimore was very productive, and I expect the membership will soon be seeing the results of a new communication tool we approved. Everyday, more and more of our members are going online, giving the organization greater options to keep everyone informed. Soon you will begin to receive e-mail updates on IOBG news, schedules, illnesses, obituaries, and other items of interest in a timely manner.

A special thank you to North East VP Chuck Browning and all the great people who worked to make this an enjoyable weekend. Our visits to Eastern Yacht Club, Otter Point Yacht Club, Kent Island Yacht Club, Annapolis Yacht Club, and Bush River Yacht Club, made for a busy but most pleasant time. Meeting all their wonderful members is one of the best reasons for Past Commodores to belong to the IOBG.

Unfortunately upon returning home, our friend, the Treasurer of District 25, Past Commodore Bob Zasada, passed away suddenly. The funeral home was packed while the local Veteran's Association, honouring Bob's military service conducted their final post. The IOBG service immediately followed, with approximately 80 Past Commodores and their spouses in attendance. North Central VP Tom Lyon performed a fitting tribute for Bob, as they were not only Commodores of the same club, but also worked together.

Any District not conducting such service may want to consider doing so in the future, as it is a fitting way to say goodbye to our friends and fellow IOBG members. Anyone with any questions concerning how to conduct such a service can contact me by e-mail for assistance.



Many thanks to:

Marybeth Thayer & Jerry Rudd
for the wonderful pictures...





Treasurer Marshall Nemoy

The financial statements presented to the Executive Committee and members attending the Regional Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland were as of July 31, 2010 and the results of operations for the seven months then ended. Except for the balance sheet, the financial statements are presented in the budget comparison format. The results of operations for the organization and its five operational activities will be discussed in this report.

As noted in my report dated June 1, 2010, actions taken by the Board of Directors in adopting a budget that eliminated the February regional meeting as the one that accomplished the least business of all the regional meetings during the year. The action of the Board of Directors has resulted in a much stronger financial position in spite of a lower than expected membership.

Our balance sheet shows balances totaling \$122,184 with the only negative being the amount of interest being earned on our funds. Such low earnings are the result of the current economic conditions.

Our income statement shows a net income of \$40,544 which is \$16,047 greater than budgeted and \$5,785 better than last year at this date. Our year-to-date dues collections amounted to \$73,110 which is \$6,903 more than budget but \$6,790 less than last year. Our total expenses are \$9,649 less than budget and \$13,595 less than last year. The most noteworthy positive variances were in the areas of clerical services, office expenses, printing, and travel. Savings were realized in printing because of the abbreviated issue of the Log in March. Most of the savings in travel are attributable to the Area Vice President's budget. Clerical hours have been saved because District 8 is now paying their dues through their District Treasurer and the district treasurers are more experienced. Dues collections went more smoothly this year as compared to 2009.

The membership statistics presented with the Treasurer's Report was prepared as of August 1, 2010, the date for determination of the number of votes allocated to each district at the Annual Meeting. Included were the statistics for August 1, 2009. The report shows we have 1,827 members compared to 2,055 last year for a difference of 228 less members. The number of paid members as of August 1 is also important because it forms the basis for estimating the revenue for the upcoming year.

As noted in my June report, there are some significant differences. A significant difference is defined as a variance of 20 or more. Positive differences were noted in Districts 5 and 25. Negative differences were noted in Districts 1, 8, 9, 19, 20, and 27.

I recommend that emphasis be placed on determining the reasons for the loss of membership. Continued loss of membership will seriously affect the future of the organization. We can not blame it on the state of the U.S. economy as \$40 per year can not have an impact on a members financial well being. This is an excellent topic for discussion at the next Annual Meeting.

2011 BUDGET

Each year about this time the President-Elect, Treasurer and the rest of the Executive Committee prepares a budget for the upcoming year to be presented to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting. This year the process is no different. Everyone wants to maintain normal operations while not increasing the dues.

The normal practice is for the Treasurer to present a worksheet showing the actual financial results to July 31, 2010 and his estimate of the remaining expenses for the year. A key factor is the total members who have paid dues for the year. With our membership declining by more than 200 members for the last two years, the estimated revenue for 2011 is much lower. The result is we lower expenses or raise dues. Last year we reduced expenses by eliminating one regional meeting. It is expected that we will break even for the year ended December 31, 2010. For 2011 we propose to reduce expenses by delivering *The Blue Gavel Log* electronically rather than mailing a hard copy to every member. This will reduce expenses by another \$8,000.

The way the system will work is that we will employ a email delivery system that will be able to send emails to all members with an email address that will, among other things provide a link to *The Blue Gavel Log* on our web site, www.iobg.org. We will also use the email system to periodically provide members with information on what is happening in Blue Gavel and where to get more information. The service costs \$360 per year and we can send unlimited number of email bulletins.

The system will have other benefits. For example, IOBGA widows, who in the past, had to pay a subscription fee will now receive the email bulletins for free. This year we completed work on the revision of the bylaws. In 2011 we will begin revising the Policy and Procedures Manual. All members will receive bulletins about the revisions. We are also thinking of more uses for this new and exciting tool.

If you do not have an email address, a hard copy version will still be mailed to you. I am, however, of the opinion that if my 93 year old father can read and send email, make flight reservations and look information up on the web, then our members should be able to handle it. Remember, the alternative is to not change and then we will have to increase dues.

When the expected revenues are matched to the expected expenses we will essentially break even. A copy of the actual proposed budget will be mailed to all district directors and other officers. Meetings usually take place on the district level and the directors assemble at the Annual Meeting in Alameda, California in October to discuss and vote on the issue.

Treasurer's Comments

With state of the economy as it is and the continual loss of members, I decided to comment on the current events facing IOBG. While we took steps to live within our means by eliminating one regional meeting and saving approximately \$10,000, we never really solved the problem of a dwindling membership.

Our members join IOBG for various reasons. Most of us feel it is a way to remain active after we have served as Commodore at our club. Just read our oath of induction. Some like to raise funds for worthy causes. Others like to donate their time and skills. Many just want to maintain with their circle of friends they have met while they were in the chairs. IOBG has to meet all of those needs in order to maintain its membership. Our competition is attempting to do just that so we have to wake up and start standing for something more than a reciprocal privilege in a club in Florida.

Some International and District officers have worked very hard to convince former members to rejoin IOBG. Most efforts have been met with rejection with many bringing up items that have been resolved a long time ago. Travel is one such item. In 2006 we surveyed the membership and an average of 75% of the respondents approved of the policies that were in place then and still in practice today. Yet we still get the same old refrain. Studies have shown that face to face communication is the best form of communication. Our regional meeting concept was formulated for just that purpose - it is a time for the officers to meet members and learn about boating in that geographic area.

In my nearly 18 years of service as your Treasurer I have had the opportunity to meet many good people. Many would get more involved but feel rebuffed by the general lack of participation by other members. Successful Districts conduct a range of activities from fundraising to social gatherings. When I hear of 4 Chapters gathering at one club for dinner, I see the opportunity for growth by social interaction. If everyone enjoyed the event, why not schedule another one? Raising money for local causes or sharing our knowledge of yacht club operations are valuable resources for our boating community.

IOBG has been through many trying periods in the past five years with competing egos and a twisted perception of who is in charge of the organization. In the last five years we have conducted two surveys to find out what the members think about key issues; updated our bylaws by mail ballot with better District response than we have had at the last five annual meetings, and expelled a member who was actively working to destroy the organization. We have come a long way from the bickering I experienced in 1993. But, we still have a lot of work to do.

Those are my thoughts. What are yours? Why not share them with the Executive Committee?

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 2010 - 2011

The IOBG Nominating Committee has made the following nominations for Officers for the year 2010-2011.

The election shall take place at the Annual Meeting to be held in Alameda, California on Saturday, October 23, 2010.

The Nominations are:

President	Vern Bendsen, Dist. 19 (automatic as per bylaws)
President Elect	Marc Connelly, Dist. 3
First Vice President	Stephen H. Willing, Dist. 25
Second Vice President	Chuck Browning, Dist. 27
Immediate Past President	Ray Thompson, Dist. 8
Financial Officer	Marshall Nemoy, Dist. 15
Executive Secretary	Mary Eiffert, Dist. 1
Northeastern Vice President	Robert Howe, Dist. 27
Northwestern Vice President	Arthur Kovarnik, Dist. 1
North Central Vice President	Joel Kay, Dist. 7
Southwestern Vice President	Gary McGrath, Dist. 19
Southeastern Vice President	Tom Sullivan, Dist. 8
District 50 Director (East of Mississippi River)	Joel Kay, Dist. 7
District 51 Director (West of Mississippi River)	Walt Kadyk, Dist. 21

Respectfully Submitted:

Jerry Rudd, Past President & Chairman
Ray Thompson, President
Vern Bendsen, President Elect



Legal Officer George C. Knies

EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon) Saves three Lives

Fellow Treasure Island Yacht Club member Kristy Lugert and her two male crewmen were rescued by US Coast Guard resources after their 32-ft catamaran *Catalyst* capsized in extreme conditions, roughly 20 miles west of Fort Bragg, California.

According to the Coast Guard and other sources, the three sailors were in the process of delivering the newly-purchased boat from Crescent City to Alameda when conditions built to what they deemed to be life-threatening proportions - 20-ft seas and 40- to 50-knot winds. The small measure of good luck in this story is that the crew activated their **EPIRB** shortly before the cat flipped temporarily pinning them beneath its hulls.

All three crewmembers were able to scramble up onto the overturned hulls, where they somehow held on for more than an hour before being rescued from the frigid waves washing over them. A 47-ft motor lifeboat out of Station Noyo River (near Fort Bragg) and an MH-65C Dolphin helicopter out of Air Station Humboldt Bay arrived on the scene within minutes of each other.

The day before departing Crescent City, California on an offshore passage bound for Alameda, California, Kristy's shore-bound father wanted to ensure his daughter's safety; so he went to the **BoatU.S.** website to rent an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (**EPIRB**).

Normally costing about \$800, the BoatU.S. Foundation rents the life-saving units for just \$65 per week. The rental program is intended to fill the short-term safety need for occasional offshore cruisers. When activated by immersion in water or manually by pressing a button, the unit broadcasts an emergency mayday signal via satellite along with precise location information of the vessel in distress, allowing for a speedy rescue. A dedicated global satellite system relays 406-MHz **EPIRB** distress signals to rescue stations around the world.

A U.S. Coast Guard helicopter was able to home in on the signal given by the **EPIRB**, and after commencing a search pattern, quickly found the floating wreck awash in the sea. With the help of a rescue swimmer, *Catalyst's* three crewmembers were quickly loaded into the helicopter for a life-saving flight to the hospital. Kristy's body temperature was only 79°F and pulse barely 30 beats per minute.

The signal from the **EPIRB** was the only distress signal received by the Coast Guard from *Catalyst*. The Coast Guard also credits the crew for staying with the boat after it capsized and filing a float plan, which allowed the rescuers to expedite the search.

"That **EPIRB** saved their lives," said USCG Lt. George Suchanek, the MH-65C Dolphin helicopter pilot that responded to the call.

The BoatU.S. Foundation EPIRB Rental Program is funded by the voluntary contributions of BoatU.S. members. Since the inception of this program in 1996, 65 lives have been saved.



US Sailing Representative Report

by Bill Thayer

August 2010

US Sailing's 2010 National Championship season began the last week in May on the waters off Galveston Bay for the U.S. Multihull Championship. This year's talented fleet features 20 teams battling it out in C2 F-18s

In US Sailing's efforts to educate the sailing community about the "ins-and-outs" of collegiate sailing, they have interviewed Scott Inkle, head coach of the Hobart and William Smith College sailing team, John Ingalls, head coach of the Salve Regina University (R.I.) and Justin Assad, head coach of the University of Vermont.

The Laser and Radial European Championship had some exciting sailing in Talin, Estonia with 16 to 24 knots of wind facing the 88 boat fleet of Lasers and the 148 boat fleet of Radials.

The Golden Spinnaker Regatta, a benefit for the U.S. Olympic and Paralympics Sailing Program, was held at the New York Yacht Club Harbor Court on July 31.

US Sailing launched the new Animated Handy Guide to the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 with audio.

US Sailing and Boat US teamed up on oil spill recourses in the gulf for affected yacht clubs

The US Coast Guard has strengthened their partnership in US Sailing's small powerboat handling program with a one year "Driver Education for Boaters" grant.

Dave Perry, author of "Understanding the Racing Rules of Sailing" has produced a 48 minute DVD on Match Racing. The DVD takes you through the basics, start to finish. It is great.

US Sailing on Face Book has placed a photo gallery from the USOC Paralympics Military Sports Camp held last July in Newport R.I. Several US Sailing Team Alpha Graphics members participated. With the help of US Sailing and many athletic organizations, our wounded warriors are no longer sitting in the handicapped section and watching their favorite sports, but participating as physically challenged and they are meeting that challenge.

The subject of Insurance has been brought up by our Legal Officer, George Knies on the subject of entertainment, alcohol and other individual liabilities. US Sailing's Burgee Program is the only policy that is total coverage from the regatta to the club house under one title. So says US Sailing.

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.

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Submitted by Earl Waesche, NBF Legislative Director

September 1, 2020

We received an invitation from the Coast Guard to attend the Rescue 21, Acceptance Ceremony and Demonstration at Sector Baltimore. The ceremony included remarks by the CG Sector Commanding Officer, the Assistant Commandant for Acquisition, the primary contractor General Dynamics and U.S. Representative Elijah Cummings, Chairman of the House Committee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation. All commended the value of Rescue 21 as an advanced command, control and communications system used to monitor distress calls from boats at sea and to coordinate the search and rescue response. Details of the VHF-FM antennae network, transceivers, recorders and advanced direction finder technology which locates distress calls within 1.5 miles were explained in some detail. Additionally the new system provides a wireless network that the Coast Guard uses to communicate with Homeland Security as well as other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and emergency first responders.

While not mentioned at the ceremony, the driver for the creation of Rescue 21 was the sinking of the Morning Dew in 1998 with the loss of four lives. Subsequent investigation revealed many shortcomings in the Coast Guard communications equipment at the time. When completed, the new system will cover 42K miles of our coastline. Today 32K miles are operational, including all of the East and the Gulf coasts and portions of the West coast, which includes 26 sectors. By 2012, all 34 Rescue 21 regions will be operational to include the western rivers and the Great Lakes. When fully operational, the system will cover 42,000 nautical miles of coastline.

Following the acceptance ceremony, we were given a tour of the operations center which included a demonstration of the new system. Significant in the new system was the area projected as the origin of a distress signal, 1.5 miles. The old system depicted a much larger area as the origin of the distress signal. This of course significantly reduces the time, number of resources and total cost of the rescue operation resulting in saving more lives and property.

All in all it was an impressive program and further demonstrated the dedication of the men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard to saving lives and our maritime security.

Senate and House Hearings on E15 Ethanol?

NBF has joined with 22 other organizations in a joint letter to the relevant Senate and House committees requesting they hold hearings on the potential effects of E15 ethanol on consumers if it is introduced into commerce. There are many questions yet to be answered by the EPA and from the research being conducted by the DOE to determine the effect of ethanol on marine engines and fuel systems is as yet incomplete. This is only another step in our efforts to counter the efforts by Growth Energy, the ethanol lobbyists to have the EPA grant a waiver to accept E15. The EPA supposedly will announce its decision by late September.

Ocean Policy Task Force Recommendations Accepted:

President Obama signed an Executive Order in July that establishes the country's first comprehensive national policy for the stewardship of the oceans, our coasts and the Great Lakes. In this regard a briefing was held at Coast Guard headquarters on the Executive Order and the final recommendations of the Oceans Policy Task Force. The briefing explained how the national policy would be established and the plan for ocean conservation and sustainable use of our oceans, our coasts and the Great Lakes. There should be no restriction on our use of the Bay but some limits may occur in certain ocean areas.



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THE PAST COMMODORES CLUB

Log June 2010

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The following is an excerpt from the Blue Gavel New Zealand LOG Newsletter.

The entire newsletter can be viewed or downloaded at the IOBG web site at www.iobg.org

Click on the District Information link, then open District 75 - New Zealand

The **New Zealand's LOG Newsletter** link is at the top of the page

The Thames Sailing Club is a well established organisation dating back to the mid 1940's becoming incorporated in 1953. The club caters for a comprehensive range of interests which include a purpose built clubhouse with launching facilities for small craft and centreboard sailboats on the Thames coast road at Tararu. The clubhouse and race control centre overlooks a large well protected bay, suitable for small boat racing, sailing and training through a wide range of weather conditions, over at least a 4 hour tidal range period. We race fortnightly on the tides. All classes of dinghy and multihulls are catered for with 'P' Class, Optimist, Frostply, Finn, NZ Moth, International Europe, Laser, Paper Tiger, Hartley TS16 and Hobie catamarans in regular attendance. The club also has a number of it's own boats available for use by members.



The club also has LEARN TO SAIL and youth training facilities at both the clubhouse and afloat under the guidance of a qualified instructor.

The club has a cruiser section with well organised events, the majority of these craft are kept further along the peninsula at Coromandel.

In the centre of Thames near the wharf, the club has a large hard standing area with haulout facilities where craft with up to 7ft (2.134m) draught can be catered for.

On the south side of Thames the club has it's own pond catering for model boats, where radio controlled yachts are raced.

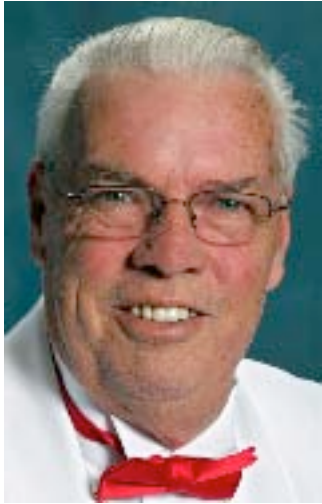
The clubhouse has numerous facilities which include a large lounge, a bar, BBQ and catering facilities, an observation deck, separate race control tower, toilets, showers and changing rooms as well as storage for small craft and it's rescue boats. Our club is available for hire for social functions such as birthdays, weddings and parties as well as sailing regattas.

Around the Regions - From the Editor, Russell Wiklund

AUCKLAND



My last visit to Sailability saw me as crew on a Scud. They are 18ft of magic. They have a 49er rig cut down to give more head room and a ballasted keel. The sailors sit in two plastic chairs and that is the giveaway. The boats are fast and provoke many a look from our fellow boaties. As they see it, it is a fast looking dingy with two armchairs sailors on board. One of my skippers uses one finger and her chin via a remote to steer the boat. I operated the main, jib, and spinnaker so was busy. I don't get up town to help out very often but it is very rewarding when I do. They need help from able bodied (I use the term broadly as I help) people who can drive the patrol boat, push a button to operate a crane to lower the boats, and some of the sailors, and help with rigging etc. I find it very rewarding but live well out of town so don't get in as often as I would like. If any one can help out please give me a call and we can get you started.



Northwestern *V.P.*

Districts 1, 2, 4, 5 & 24

Art Kovarnik

If you're like me, you're probably wondering, where did the summer go? It has been busy, but all the same I can't believe that it's coming to a close.

The regional meeting in Baltimore was very productive, and I expect the membership will soon be seeing the results of a new communication tool we approved. Everyday, more and more of our members are going online, giving the organization greater options to keep everyone informed. Soon you will begin to receive e-mail updates on IOBG news, schedules, illnesses, obituaries, and other items of interest in a timely manner.

A special thank you to North East VP Chuck Browning and all the great people who worked to make this an enjoyable weekend. Our visits to Eastern Yacht Club, Otter Point Yacht Club, Kent Island Yacht Club, Annapolis Yacht Club, and Bush River Yacht Club, made for a busy but most pleasant time. Meeting all their wonderful members is one of the best reasons for Past Commodores to belong to the IOBG.

Unfortunately upon returning home, our friend, the Treasurer of District 25, Past Commodore Bob Zasada, passed away suddenly. The funeral home was packed while the local Veteran's Association, honouring Bob's military service conducted their final post. The IOBG service immediately followed, with approximately 80 Past Commodores and their spouses in attendance. North Central VP Tom Lyon performed a fitting tribute for Bob, as they were not only Commodores of the same club, but also worked together.

Any District not conducting such service may want to consider doing so in the future, as it is a fitting way to say goodbye to our friends and fellow IOBG members. Anyone with any questions concerning how to conduct such a service can contact me by e-mail for assistance.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Oakland, California in October for the Annual Meeting.





Southwestern *V.P.*

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

Gary McGrath

Overall the Southwestern Area has been doing well, although some Districts are quieter than others.

District 10 had a Wine Tasting fundraiser and raised \$400.00 for the Humanitarian Fund.

District 11 is still doing their Windy Ques they normally do this time of year. Also their longtime Treasurer Lynn Hammet died this summer and they are trying to co-ordinate all records for new 2011 Treasurer.

District 14 will be holding a Wine Tasting Brunch fundraiser for Vern Bendsen's inauguration on September 19th.

District 19 has had two separate fundraisers for Vern, a wine tasting & BBQ hosted by Herman Meyer and a Prime Rib dinner hosted by John Anthony and Driftwood YC.

District 21 reports they are doing well and have submitted a new Chapter application (Orange Coast College YC) for approval.

These are the highlights for the Southwestern Area at this time and I hope to have more to report at the Annual Meeting.

See you there.



District 10
Submitted by Jon Fults



Having so many successful events in 2009, we were inspired to schedule even more events for 2010. Our February 14 Valentine dinner was held at the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station. On 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.

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 21 by another BBQ at the Navy YC Long Beach.

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District 10 Report
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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 Commodore's 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."



District 10 President LaVon Plumlee and new inductee Jim Wallace (HHYC)

Sally Cohen and new member Don Cohen with President Lavin Plumlee

District 14

Lenworth Gordon, Dist. Director

As I grow within IOBG, I seek out new opportunities to bond with those within my local Chapters as well as those I meet internationally. I am intrigued by the many cultures I am made aware of and how many lives are touched in positive ways because of their many diverse programs. In that spirit I encourage all members of IOBG to make some expression of encouragement to any association of the Americas Cup Competition for keeping the next series here in the San Francisco Bay Area. This is the only American City in contention and the opportunity is most viable now and the boost to the economy is most necessary.

District 14 is proud to congratulate the slate of IOBG Officers Elect for 2011. We are inspired with the upcoming induction of Sir Vern Bendsen as IOBG President for 2011; bringing this coveted conference and inauguration to Northern California. District 14 and District 19, independently and collectively are planning to welcome us at this Winter celebration and to cordially extend a gracious Bay Area Hospitality.

As you may already know...we build "Great Bridges in the Bay" (no pun intended) and, Sir Vern Bendsen sets the stage for great weather with "Rainbow over our Bridges".

In District 14 we are partnered with the IOBG Auxillary and those of District 19 to expand District 14's Annual Brunch at the Berkeley Yacht Club scheduled for September 19th from 11:00 am until... to include a Wine Tasting as a fundraiser for Vern Bendsen's inauguration, complements of Berrissa Vineyards, a relatively new winery of Northern California with excellent products

Larry Draper, Past Southwest Vice President and Deanna Draper, IOBGA International Secretary were both very active in the resurgence of energy within District 14. They were instrumental in having three past members reestablish their membership. We consider this a significant statement for our efforts at community outreach.

For this report we would like to focus on one of the many events of significance within our community this Summer. The "Summer Sailstice" event promoted by "Latitude 38" a major publication within the yachting community worldwide at Treasure Island Yacht Club. This event is supported significantly by the members of IOBG Chapters in Northern California. And, it's the desire of these volunteers to see this event positioned more prominently as a formal IOBG sponsored event internationally.

To share, the highlight of this event, which included but was not limited to music, entertainment, food and vendor booths, there was the small craft building and sailing demonstration. These participants spent all day building these vessels from scratch to launch, sail and race them for prizes at the end of the days activities.



Treasure Island Yacht Club had many members dressed in their signature Pirates costumes and provided directions and hospitality for most of the days activities. Many kids from the community, also dressed in costumes, hunted for treasure all over the waterfront all day, then at an opportune time they were able to trade their found treasure for coveted prizes as adults and friends cheered on.

I am personally curious as to how Summer/Winter Sailstice are celebrated in other IOBG Districts. If there is enough interest, I would like to encourage sharing this information among us as another way to promote our goodwill as members of IOBG.



Finally, I would like on behalf of all the members of San Francisco Chapters, to extend an invitation to all members of IOBG and IOBGA to visit with the 2010 IOBG Annual Meeting in October.



North Central V.P.

Districts 7, 9, 23, 25

Tom Lyon

District 7
Joel Kay, Dist. Director

My name is Joel Kay and I am proud to represent District 7 as its 2010 District Director. Through the Blue Gavel, I have met wonderful people from all over the US, Canada and the UK, who enjoy all the elements of water sports and activities, especially boating. Through these associations, I have learned how other people and their boating associations have managed to deal with problems, find resources to overcome them, as well as, be creative in ensuring the continuation of the organization, the Blue Gavel and the individual yacht club.

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.

As of July 31, District 7 had 217 paid members. District 7 has had a busy schedule this year. 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; and the ILYA Cocktail Party during Bay Week. 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.

District 7 began the year with the President's Ball which was held in Cancun, Mexico, in February. On March 25 the Blue Blazer North event was held. On May 2, the IOBG Auxiliary hosted a brunch at the Sandusky Yacht Club. On May 20, the Blue Blazer South was held. District 7 has continuously been part of the GCBA Annual Memorial Day event at the USS Cod, a WWII submarine docked in Cleveland. This year President Matt Schmidt gave a moving speech about freedom at the event. We have one more social event coming up later this summer, and in October we will have our annual meeting (prior to that of the International).

Our Blue Blazer North was held at the Penthouse party room at 1 Bratenahl Place, thanks to District 7 Past President, Neil VanUum and his wife Sue. In attendance were 30 prospective members from 14 clubs. President Schmidt installed 5 P/C's that evening. On May 20, District 7 hosted the Blue Blazer South, 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 District.

District 7 has added an additional Vice President to its bridge: Deep South VP. Serving as the VP in 2011 will be P/C Larry Truthan from All Ports Yacht Club.

Our VP's are actively engaged in following their Chapters' annual events as well as attempting to re-open closed chapters. Our latest attempt is our successfully reopening the Aladdin Mariners Chapter in Southern Ohio, and gaining 2 new members from there.

District 25
Pres. Russell Skitch

This summer for District 25 has been a busy one for my wife & I. In May & June we attended the Blessing of the Fleet ceremonies at several of the clubs.

District 25 President's Regatta was held at Great Lakes Steel Boat Club at the end of June. They came by boat, motor home, and we even had tents. A good time was had by all in attendance. The Blue Gavel members from Great Lakes Steel Boat Club are extremely active in District 25. In addition to their hospitality their humanitarian efforts are exceptional. They hold a yearly raffle and donate a sizable amount to charity. This year's raffle is a Toro lawn mower & snow blower.

On July 21st, District 7, 9 & 25 hosted a Cocktail reception at Put-In-Bay Yacht Club during Inter-Lakes Yachting Association Power Boat week at Put-In-Bay. A large group of Past Commodores from clubs in the Great Lakes region were in attendance.



What to do When Aground

by George C. Knies

I can speak with some authority on this subject recalling 60 years sailing and fishing experiences. I have been aground or collided with submerged objects in Florida, California, Philippines, Cuba, Jamaica, Puerto Rico and New York.

There are two kinds of boaters; those who have run aground and those who refuse to admit it. The facts are, navigational aids can, and do, drift off-station; every sounding on every chart isn't accurate; and we have all suffered distractions. Here's what to do if your boat's draft should suddenly exceed the water's depth.

1. Check out the bilge and all hull penetrations (transducers, engine mounting bolts, pod flange rings, rudder posts, shaft logs and any fitting that penetrates the hull below the waterline) before trying to dislodge and, as a result, possibly exacerbating a bad situation. You might have penetrated the hull, ruptured a through-hull-fitting or bent an outboard or stern-drive mounting bolt. Aground is better than sunk.
2. Should no leaks be revealed, make sure the engine's water intake won't suck up mud, sand and oyster shells. Many an engine overheats when the operator attempts to power off a grounding and clogs the intake. Raise the drives, shift weight to raise a through-hull off the bottom, and proceed slowly to stir up as little muck as possible.
3. Once off, go easy on the throttle. A bent shaft or propeller can cause more damage in operation than most groundings will.
4. If there is current, you may be able to get off by rocking the boat. Have the crew move from port to starboard. Each time the boat leans, the draft decreases, hopefully allowing the current to move the boat a few feet. Repeat until afloat.
5. "Hard aground" means you are high and dry, with little chance of getting off unless the tide rises. "soft grounding" usually results in little more than scraped paint and gelcoat.



Northeastern V.P.

Districts 3, 12, 20, 26, 27

Chuck Browning

I would like to thank all the participating yacht clubs for a great job. **The Bush River Yacht Club** for the Dinner Dance, they had over 70 in attendance on Friday night. **Kent Island Yacht Club** served over 67 members with Prime Rib and Crab Cakes on Saturday night. **Eastern and Otter Point Yacht Clubs** for their outstanding Cocktail Parties. We want extend a special thanks to the **Annapolis Yacht Club** for opening their doors for the first time to **The International Order of the Blue Gavel**.

We hope everyone had a good time, and you have an open invitation to return when you are in the area.

District 3
Lewis Smith, Dist. Director

Thanks to Past Commodores' Bill Guggenos, David Macleod, and Bob Schmidt, members, wives, and friends of the Tuscarora Yacht Club, the District 3 Summer Sail was a terrific success. Many of our members took advantage of the great weather and the hospitality of several of the captains from Tuscarora, who generously provided their boats for a sail on Lake Ontario. Dinner was served by Chiavetta's.

The District is moving forward with plans for the 2011 International Meeting in Western New York, when Marc Connelly becomes International President. We have had two organizational meetings with the area clubs and have booked a hotel in Niagara Falls on the Niagara River for the event. The schedule of activities will be available shortly.

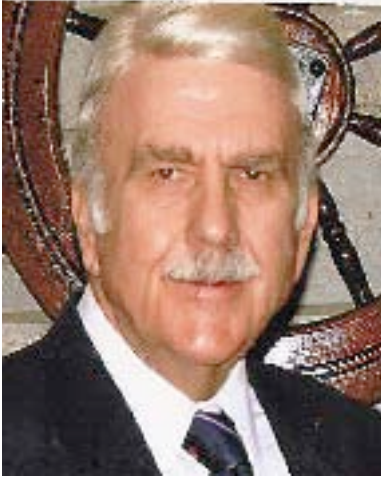
District 26 Was well represented at IOBG Summer meeting in Baltimore Maryland. In attendance, District Director Ernie Odierna and P/C Harold Salyer

District 27

Was very excited to have over 40 IOBG members from around the country visiting our District and the Chesapeake Bay. They got a chance to visit 5 different Yacht Clubs

(Eastern Yacht, Otter Point Yacht Club, Bush River Yacht Club, Kent Island Yacht Club and Annapolis Yacht Club) they also took a ride around the Bush River Basin on Pontoon Boats.





Southeastern V.P.

Districts 8 & 18 Tom Sullivan

Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War, I received a letter of appreciation for selfless sacrifice & courage from The President of the Republic of Korea. I also received a companion full page article in my Korean War Veterans Magazine entitled "What has National ever done for us?". Using this article's format I will try to further explain what is being done by the IOBG using the responses given in this Magazine.

"What has the International ever done for us?"

My personal view is (that) the question indicates an uninformed attitude, insensitive to what the IOBG is all about, especially it's record of proud service to the boating community and it's Members. For those who persist in passing that question to anyone, anywhere, this article is just for you.

I will begin with a pair of metaphors. When you were a young man/woman, if your father told you to mow the lawn what would have been the result if, instead of jumping right on it, you asked him, "what has my family ever done for me?"

If you were in school or the army would you ask "what has this school or the army ever done for me?"

What you call International is a collection of Officers of regular members duly elected to guide and act in your behalf using judgement & bylaws.

Like your parents, who gave you the gift of life itself, the IOBG was formed to serve you with rules & bylaws that we are all subjected to; period.

The most important term you need to reflect upon is SERVICE—SERVICE TO ITS MEMBERS. This is done with and through the Humanitarian Fund and other forms of fundraising, social & boating activities & service to one's yacht club.

To inform you & refresh your memory, let's get back to some more that you have overlooked of what the Blue Gavel has done for it's members:

- A. The Blue Gavel LOG newsletter covers activities and is published 4 times per year.
- B. The Humanitarian Fund----money to youth & adult boating activities serving needy & worthwhile causes
- C. An International Website plus District Websites
- D. A District 8 Membership Directory

Most members are content with that, in fact they are proud of the Blue Gavel because of the service given by it's members.

For the second time in five years, I am again writing my “swan song” and going out to “pasture” to retire once again as an officer of District 8. I am not retiring from District 8. It is now time to sit back and enjoy this great District as a member.

I served as District 8 President in 2003, went on to District Director in 2004 and retired (so I thought....fully) in 2005.

Then the “we need you” call came in 2009 and again I stepped in as President of District 8. I served until officers were elected in 2010 and then I moved up to my old post of District Director this past year of 2010. Now, once again I am writing my “Swan Song”, hopefully for the last time. I will be 90 in December of this year, have just recently lost our old friend, our beloved Rotweiler, who has been a family member for many years. Now, it is my time to be able to participate in District affairs, but I will be sitting in the audience.

Ellie and I will miss the leadership rolls but it has been my distinct and honored pleasure to serve this District and my many friends over the years, in any capacity. I have a good feeling, knowing this past few years as an officer was a job I was very comfortable in doing.

You probably thought I would say nothing about those who left our District but I predict that they will be back, so print a few more applications.

My last duty was Chairman of the District 8 Nominating Committee. We made our Nominating Committee report at the last regular meeting in July at the Palm Coast Yacht Club. Our Nominating Committee report is listed elsewhere in this issue by President Joe Dowdell in his report. I thank the members of the Nominating Committee for their input and their suggestions. Nominations may be made off the floor at the District 8 Annual Meeting provided that notice of the intention to place another name in nomination MUST be received in writing by the Secretary by September 8, 2010.

Be ever proud, you belong to a fine, wonderful organization..... IOBG, District 8.

Have a happy “everyday”.

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"The International Order of the Blue Gavel Humanitarian Foundation provides the boating community the ability to create real differences in others' lives. The foundation provides resources to existing charities and benefits communities through new initiatives involving boating activities and education."

This is the Mission Statement of the Humanitarian Foundation.

*P*resident Jim Hinckley

This past October in Orlando, it was determined that fellow members of IOBG did not know or understand what IOBGHF was all about, consequently fundraising projects were minimal to non-existence. The IOBGHF Board took it upon themselves to develop a short Power Point educational DVD that would be available to all members of IOBG. To date, this project has not been completed.

This past year, the IOBGHF has reviewed two LAP's, approving one and waiting for proper paperwork prior to approving the second. The first application was a project, which allowed for students from Jordon High School in Long Beach, California to enjoy a day of sailing on the Pacific and at the same time make a report on environmental findings for a science project at their high school. The second project that was reviewed and approved, subject to receiving proper documentation, was a scholarship funding program for a sailing school presented by the Huntington Harbor Yacht Club. There is a third LAP inquiry for funding the Girls Sea Scouts PT boat restoration and operation, however as of this writing, it has not been formally submitted.

Secondly, the purpose of this correspondence is to inform you and the Executive Committee that the following individuals of the Humanitarian Board are resigning from the Humanitarian Board: Chairman & CEO Marion Hughes, President Jim Hinckley and Director Art Theobald.

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International Order of the Blue Gavel Auxiliary

*P*resident Lucy Anthony



Baltimore was all that and then some. Great to see our Auxiliary members and hear their reports from the various Districts. Thank you to Mr. Chuck Browning for our suite room for the Auxiliary meeting and to Sue Meyer, District 19 President, for making sure the room was open and taking care of the coffee and tea.

District 27 outdid themselves - thank you PC'S Chuck Browning, Jack Fitzgerald, and Bob Howe for a job well done.

For our members who were not able to come to Baltimore, I will give you a memory imagines post card of the five days and four nights. The hotel was the Sheraton Inner Harbor, a beautiful setting. Camden Yard, the home of the Orioles, was two blocks up from the hotel. The hotel serves as the headquarters for the Orioles. Two blocks down from the hotel is the Inner Harbor, a very busy harbor with restaurants, shops of all kinds, even an aquarium. The water taxis are the best way to see the entire harbor and get all around the harbor.

On Friday our group boarded a bus for the Eastern Yacht Club located at the mouth of the Middle River just off of Chesapeake Bay for cocktails and appetizers. Back on the bus and on to Otter Point Yacht Club in Abingdon MD for more cocktails and appetizers. What a beautiful setting for a club.

Some of us went by boat to Bush River Yacht club for a great tour on the water. Dinner and dancing were the activities at Bush River Yacht Club. I must admit that the great appetizers had taken care of our lunch and more. Had to make room for the wonderful dinner that was prepared for our consumption. The evening was topped off with great music.

Saturday was lunch at the hotel and a bus trip to Annapolis. We took advantage of extra time to explore the shops that lined this busy harbor town. Some of us walked to the Navel Academy and explored the wonderful gift shop on campus. Another harbor tour was called for and we really got to see the Navel Academy's beautiful campus. Next stop was the prestigious Annapolis Yacht Club for cocktails for the best views of Annapolis Harbor and Spa Creek.

Last stop for the day was Kent Island Yacht Club for a Prime Rib dinner with crab cakes. If you love crab Baltimore is the place to be. In fact I bought some crabby memorably. Thank you, thank you to all the clubs for their hospitality and fellowship which was enjoyed by all.

Hope that you have enjoyed my memories. I will have pictures to show you in Oakland. Don't forget our 2010 Annual meeting. We have election of officers for Auxiliary, workshops, other business and just getting to know one another. All of our meetings will be held at our hotel the Executive Inn & Suites.

Hope you all sign up for the Bag Lady pool party lunch. Lunch is on my dime and I am looking forward to having a good time. Until we meet again remember "reflect on what you have done in the past and choose how you will act in the future."

It has been an honor this year to serve as the Immediate Past President. I hope when I attended our meetings this year that I was able to be of some help to the President and her Board.

Past President Audrey Hall

Gary and I were privileged to meet so many new IOBGA members when we visited the Baltimore, Maryland area. The Staff Commodores of all the clubs, who were so proud of their clubs were just thrilled to show all of us a good time. They were the Eastern Yacht Club, Otter Point Yacht Club, Bush River Yacht Club, Annapolis Yacht Club and Kent Island Yacht Club. I want to thank each and every club for their hospitality. I hope they get to visit many of the clubs around the country to see that we have so many of the same interests.

It certainly has been an exciting year and with the Annual Meeting October 22nd, the year 2010 will end on a very successful note. There is always room for our Auxiliary members to come forward if they would like to take a position on the Board. Please let me know.

I do hope many of you will be able to come and enjoy the exciting schedule that has been put together. This meeting will be a working meeting with time to visit the many new and exciting side trips that have been planned for all of us. When you are there please feel free to stop and visit with me awhile. It is always a pleasure to chat with a fellow Auxiliary member.

Please consult your LOG newsletter and our Auxiliary web site at www.iobga.org for all the details.

2011 will be another great year for the Auxiliary...thanks to all of you. Keep up your great work!!

First Vice President & SE Regional Director Susan Sullivan

The last two Auxiliary Meetings were held at Marathon YC in April and Palm Coast YC in July. Both meetings produced questions & answers concerning the IOBG, Auxiliary, Humanitarian Fund and Chapter activities.

I have been informed by June Dowdell (wife of District 8 Pres. Joe) that Marathon YC is in the process of forming an IOBG Auxiliary. I will keep you posted of its progress.

At Palm Coast YC, Chapter President Evelyn Hutchinson held a two hour meeting which covered such subjects as: Member Retention, Ways of Serving the YC, the Humanitarian Fund, and the new "Whistle Program" which can serve as an important safety feature as well as a fundraiser.

Those attending were most impressed with the Meeting & the Subjects covered.



District 15
Audrey Hall, SMYC Chapter President

On September 5th, Santa Margarita Yacht Club of Camp Pendelton had a fundraiser for our Youth Scholarships, with all the wonderful raffles, food, wine and our own beer maker, we raised over \$1000. Thanks to our Past Director of District 15 for putting the event together. Maybe you can join us next year as all yacht club members are always welcome to our events.

As past President of the IOBGA and President of our Chapter this year, I was glad to be crew for the event. The Chapter Treasurer, Past Director Bill Thayer was the helm collecting the monies.

This was a fun IOBGA SMYC Chapter success. There were at least 50 people in attendance, the club had visitors that came to our club raft up and enjoy our quiet little marina. There was at least 12 boats for the Silver Gate Yacht Club.

This was their third year visiting us on the Labor Day weekend and as always there was great fun for all.

A surprise attendee was District 15 President Eileen Van Winkle. We appreciated her making the trip to support our Chapter and enjoy the day.

District 15
Denise Merino, President

IOBGA District 15 members and guests visited Faulkner Winery in Temecula CA in June 2010. The event included a tasty lunch including dessert, followed by all visiting the tasting room to sample a few of their wines. IOBGA District 15 members attending with their spouses were: Denise Merino, President, Nina Hall, Vice President, Bill Thayer, Secretary, Dawn Nemoy, Treasurer, and Past IOBGA Presidents Grace Hanson, Kathy Smith and Karin Coburn.

On November 6, 2010, the group has planned a chartered bus trip to Viejas casino and outlet center near Alpine, CA.



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