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An Association of Past Commodores

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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.

A Message from Vern Bendsen, President Elect

Now that Spring is here and Summer is just around the corner, one does not want to think about bylaws. But we must.

For the past several years, your Executive Committee has been trying to make our IOBG into a member oriented organization. An organization that will give the members a voice and choice of what we are.

In June 2008, you voted to change the number of votes your Directors had. This change gave each District a better representation of votes according to the number of members in each District. In 2009, you voted for the Code of Conduct to be added to our Bylaws. Now you are asked to vote for a major change to the IOBG Bylaws that will make the Bylaws even more member oriented. You will have a louder voice and more choice in the decision making process.

The major changes to the Bylaws are:

* * * A Finance Committee will be added. No longer will it be the President Elect who makes the budget for the coming year.

* * * The Directors nominated for Districts 50 and 51 will be chosen by the Area Vice Presidents and the Directors from the District's area.

* * * The Nominating Committee shall consist of the President, the two Immediate Past Presidents, one Blue Gavel Member from East of the Mississippi River and one Blue Gavel Member from West of the Mississippi River. These two members will be selected by the AVP's and District Directors from their areas. Their terms will be for two years. That means that each year, the Nominating Committee will have two new members; one new Past President, one new Blue Gavel Member.

* * * Nominating from the floor, does not give the membership an opportunity to advise their Chapter Presidents and District Directors their choice for each office. So, there will be no more nominating from the floor. At the Summer Regional Meeting, the Nominating Committee will, as always, announce the slate of officer for the following year. If anyone wants to run for an office he/she will have 30 days in which to send the IOBG Secretary, a petition for the office he/she is running for. That person's name shall appear on the ballot with the Nominating Committee's recommendations. This will give all members of the IOBG a chance to see all the candidates for each office. And let their Director know who to vote for.

It is up to you, the individual members of the IOBG, to tell your Chapter President and District Directors your choices for each office. Your Directors must vote the way you tell them .

The changed bylaws will go into effect on January 1, 2011.

The Bylaw changes will be voted on by a mail-in ballot. This is the way it will happen.

The number of votes the District Directors will have for the mail-in ballot, will be determined by the number of paid members each District has as of April 15, 2010.

By May 1st, each voting member of the Board of Directors, the District Directors, the Area Vice Presidents and the Executive Committee will receive by mail, the ballot for the proposed Bylaws changes with the pros and cons for the changes. The proposed Bylaw changes are on our web site.

The Directors should contact all their Chapters to see how their Blue Gavel members want them to vote.

Remember, it is you , the Blue Gavel member, who directs your District Director how you want him or her to vote.

All the ballots must be mailed back to our International Operations Center - IOC - by May 31st. The ballots will be counted at the Spring Regional Meeting in Portland, Oregon.

If you have any questions, please contact me at vbendsen@pacbell.net

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given in accordance with our Bylaws that the Nominating Committee for 2010 consists of Past President Jerry Rudd, Chairman; President Ray Thompson and President-Elect Vern Bendsen, committee members.

The Nominating Committee is charged with presenting a slate of Officers to the membership and Board of Directors for consideration and election.

Members in good standing wishing to be considered for an elected office must submit their letter of consideration to each member of the Nominating Committee either by e-mail or direct mail by the **June 2010 Regional Meeting in Portland, Oregon**.

The Nominating Committee will announce its recommended slate of Officers at the August 2010 Baltimore, Maryland Regional Meeting. The recommended slate of Officers will be published in the September 2010 Blue Gavel LOG newsletter. Elections will be held at the October 2010 Annual Meeting in California.

Stephen (Steve) Willing, 2nd Vice President

While writing this report it appears this long winter is coming to a close. People in the Great Lakes area may still be thrown a curve ball, as mother nature has been known to give us a last taste of winter with some late season snow. Let's keep our fingers crossed and look ahead to another great boating season.

By-laws

Over the winter, your Executive Committee has been hard at work, updating the by-laws. You can read more on this in President Elect Vern Bendsen's report in this issue.

Communication

You may have noticed that a new item has been added to the left hand column on the opening page of our website, (www.iobg.org). This item titled **CONCERNS** will direct you to the IOBG 'concerns/suggestions' form. Use of this form gives members the ability to forward suggestions or express concerns directly to the executive committee, without going through a chain of command process. We will be able to address your ideas in a very timely manner.

There are two ways this form can be used. It may be completed on your computer, and then sent electronically by clicking on the send button, or you may print it and mail it. Although the computer generated form will be sent and received faster, for those not internet savvy, the regular mail may also be used.

Your Organization

The International Order of the Blue Gavel is your organization, and your ideas are important to all of the members. All of us working together can make our organization stronger, so that we may continue to enjoy the benefits of belonging to the original, and still the only international, association dedicated to Past Commodores. Wear your IOBG or IOBGA insignia proudly, as you have earned it by your dedication to your club and the boating community.

Have a safe and enjoyable boating season. I look forward to seeing you at our scheduled regional meetings.

The International Order of the Blue Gavel

Spring Regional Meeting

Portland, Oregon

June 10-13 , 2010

Schedule of Events

Thursday, June 10

8:30 Buses Pick up IOBG/IOBGA Members
9:00 IOBG/IOBGA General Meeting at Portland Yacht Club
11:30 Lunch at Portland Yacht Club
1:00 IOBG/IOBGA General Meeting Continues
3:30 Transportation back to Double Tree Hotel
Dinner On Your Own



Friday, June 11

8:30 – 9:00 Buses leave for Knighting ceremony
Washington Park Amphitheater
10:00 ROYAL ROSARIAN KNIGHTING CEREMONY
Washington Park Amphitheater
11:30 Buses return to Double Tree Hotel
1:00 - 4:00 Hospitality Suite-Presidential Suite, 14th Floor
5:00 Transportation departs for Tyee Yacht Club
No Host Bar and Dinner
Or
5:30 Fun Night with the Rosarians
"A Knight Out in the West" - Ballroom

Saturday, June 12

8:00 Tri-Met MAX Lightrail free to Coliseum for Float viewing, Queen's Coronation & Grand Floral Parade
8:30 Coronation of the 2010 Rose Festival Queen
Preferred seating at Memorial Coliseum is included with purchase
10:00 GRAND FLORAL PARADE
After Parade - MAX (Lightrail) for return to the Double Tree Hotel
1:00 - 4:00 Hospitality Suite-Presidential Suite, 14th Floor
6:00 GRAND FLORAL "Black & Pink" BALL - Ballroom
Festival Formal or Black Tie
Multnomah/Holladay Ballroom

Sunday, June 13

8:30 Farewell Breakfast- Ballroom

DoubleTree Hotel – Lloyd Center

1000 NE Multnomah

Portland, OR 97232

503-281-6111

1-800-996-0510

Please call the hotel to make your own reservations and ask for the Royal Rosarian Room Bookings. Use the code "**ROS**" to receive special room rates.

The room rates are \$124.00 - \$134.00 plus tax.

Reserve your room early.

Reservations received by the hotel after May 11, 2010 will be accepted on a space available basis at prevailing hotel room rates.

For more information, please contact:

THE ROYAL ROSARIANS

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Royal Rosarian Hospitality
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International Order of the Blue Gavel

June 10 - 13, 2010

Spring Regional Meeting

Hosted by District #5

Thursday, June 10

Transportation from Double Tree departs at 8:30 AM. Approx. cost, if any, to be determined.

Dress of the Day:

Summer Uniform i.e. Blue Blazer, White Shirt, Slacks, Socks & Shoes, IOBG Tie

Portland Yacht Club



9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Lunch

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

3:30 PM

No. of Persons

Cost

Total

IOBG & IOBGA General Meeting

_____ \$14.00

\$ _____

IOBG & IOBGA General Meeting (Continued)

Transportation back to Double Tree Hotel

Friday, June 11

Please refer to Royal Rosarian's Activities Schedule

Transportation from Double Tree departs at 5:00 PM.

Tye Yacht Club



6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

7:00 PM

No. of Persons

Cost

Total

No Host Cocktails

Dinner (Menu to be announced) Dress is casual

_____ \$27.00

\$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED:

\$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "IOBG District 5" AND SEND THE RESERVATION FORM TO:

Jerry Miller, Secretary
IOBG District 5
15298 NW Casey Drive
Portland, OR 97229

Deadline: May 29, 2010

Questions? Ron Timmerman, District 5 President 503-297-1030 Email: rontimmerman@msn.com

District Number _____

Office Held _____

NAME _____ SPOUSE/GUEST _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ PHONE () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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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 Bus Depart 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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Summer Regional Meeting Registration

August 19 - 21, 2010

Baltimore, Maryland

EVENT & MEAL SELECTIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u># Persons</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Thursday, August 19</u>				
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
<u>Friday, August 20</u>				
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	\$ _____
<u>Saturday, August 21</u>				
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

District : _____ Office Held: _____ Other Info: _____

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Spouse/Guest is a member of: _____ IOBG _____ IOBGA _____

For Assistance/information please contact:

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**Make Checks Payable to: IOBG District 27 c/o Frank Abbott
 (at the above address) no later than August 1, 2010.**

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Summer Regional Meeting Registration

August 19 - 21, 2010

Baltimore, Maryland



Fun on the Chesapeake Bay Sponsored by District 27

Hotel Reservations The Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel

Room Cost
Single: \$129
Double: \$129

300 South Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
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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**.

Mark your calendars for the 2010 Annual Meeting in Alameda, California
October 21-24, 2010
Hosted by District 19

Did you know that you can get your newsletter and forms on-line?
You can now view your newsletter and forms in full color.

Visit our web site at **www.iobg.org**

Let us know if you would like to have your newsletter emailed directly to you.

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