

# THE BLUE GAVEL LOG

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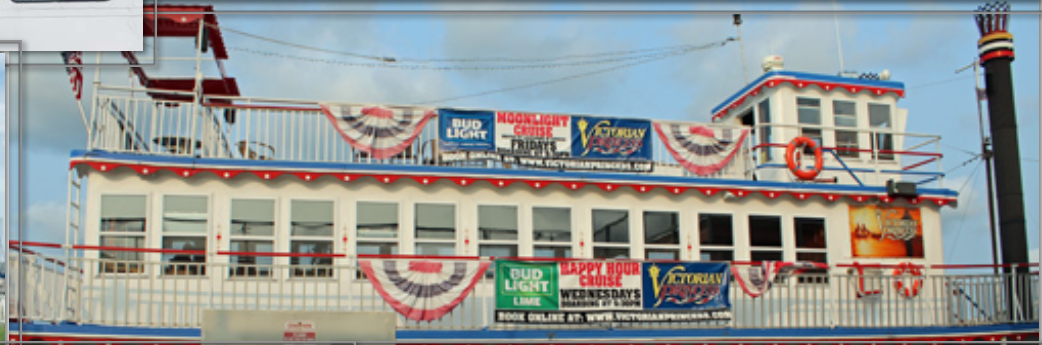
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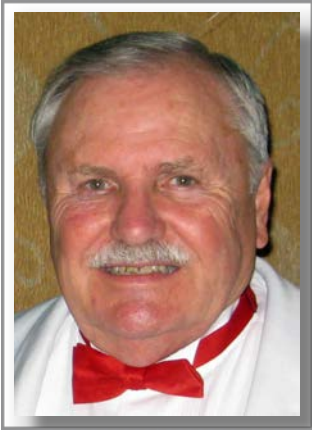
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## *President Tony Durieux*



I want to thank District 7, its President Lloyd Bogue and Erie Yacht Club Commodore Gregory Corny and his bridge. They put together a fun filled weekend for our visit to Erie, PA.

Your Executive Committee has been busy. This is the first year that we award the District Achievement Award. This award will be presented to Districts that have shown a concerted effort to retain their existing members while continuing to work on current growth. We have a formula that creates a District score that is used to determine the winner in each Area Vice President's area. I will not get into how the calculations are made but this method determines the winners of this distinctive IOBG pin. Each AVP will have a District e-board winner. I can say the formula is weighted in favor of retention.



Have you looked at our international web site? It's got a new look and it's filled with useful information that Chapters and Districts can use to help with retention and growth. As I have said before, all past commodores have dealt with retention and growth in their yacht clubs; those same ideas apply to your Chapter or District. Go to the international web site ([iobg.org](http://iobg.org)) and read how other Chapters and Districts have tackled similar problems.

As most of you know, the Executive Committee holds a monthly conference call. We discuss many ideas and situations. This monthly discussion allows us to discuss new ideas and get in front of any possible problems.

We have asked our AVP's to hold a monthly conference call with their District Directors and/or President. Hopefully, this same procedure will be used as a source of information that can be passed on from District President to District Chapters. New ideas and information can be passed on with direct contact followed by interaction and discussion. We need to talk more, we are past commodores and we need to keep in touch.

I have been asked what the Blue Gavel does for me! As a past commodore you are an important part of Boating. We need to stay informed and you need to be part of any solution. You're the good guys. People look up to you and it's our responsibility to continue being part of the solution.

The Blue Gavel is your source of information, fun activities and most of all, the ability to join with your peers who all have the same need to stay informed and continue to be part of the boating community. Past Commodores enjoy being with other past commodores.

No one can duplicate your experience or the respect you earned over many years. The Blue Gavel is the organization that supports and continually promotes that good will!

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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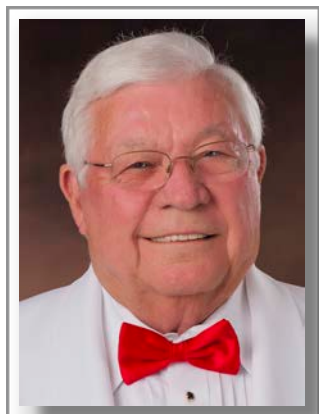












*President - Elect*  
*Bud Higginson*

The 2018 – 2019 annual IOBG Annual Meeting will be held at the Venice Yacht Club in Venice, Florida October 18-20 of this year. Preparations are well underway and we look forward for a great meeting.



My thanks go to Venice Yacht Club's IOBG Chapter President Melinda Short and her team for planning this event. This is the first time the Venice Yacht Club has hosted this event and have gone out of their way preparing the club for this meeting. I am encouraging all Blue Gavel members to register for and attend this event.

I was told recently that one of my duties include the selection of a site for our February 2019 meeting and report that at the Erie meeting. Although final details have not been worked out the tentative meeting location will be in New Orleans, Louisiana during the early part of February 2019.

Even though IOBG does not have a presence in the New Orleans area, it does have several well-known yacht clubs in the area. It would be my intent, along with the help of others, to contact some of these clubs in the near future introducing them to the International Order of the Blue Gavel and advising them of our intent to hold an IOBG regional meeting in their area during the first part of next year. I plan at that time to meet with them to encourage them to become members of IOBG. During a preliminary investigation by SEVP Karen Shea, New Orleans is a great site for this meeting as all flights from different parts of the United States are inexpensive and there are several good meeting locations that are being considered.

Don't forget to sign up early for the annual meeting in October.



# International Order of the Blue Gavel

## ANNUAL MEETING

October 18 - 20, 2018

Venice, Florida

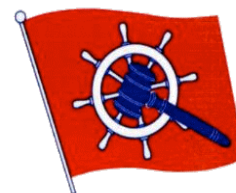


## Welcome to Venice, Florida

Venice Yacht Club

1330 Tarpon Center Drive Venice, FL 34285

941-488-7708



District 8 is honoring one of their own becoming International President of IOBG. Bud Higginson and Lady Dee have a wonderful weekend planned. We look forward to you attending this special event.

The hotel is 1½ hours from Tampa Airport; 55 minutes from Ft. Myers Airport and 40 minutes from Sarasota Airport.



**Hotel Information:** Ramada Venice Hotel Venezia – 425 US 41 Bypass North, Venice, Florida 34285. Phone Number: 941-308-7700. Mention IOBG when reserving – price is \$99.00 plus tax per night and includes breakfast!

If you are coming in on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> the Hospitality Suite will be there to greet you. Dinner on your own or join us at the Venice Yacht Club for “Pasta Night”. Also available is a full service dining menu for you to choose from. Shuttle service is available from Hotel Venezia to Venice Yacht Club.

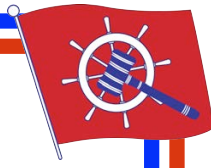
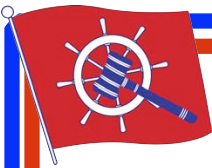
Thursday afternoon join us in visiting the Clyde Butcher Art Studio along with some shopping therapy in historic downtown Venice. Transportation will be provided. Dinner on your own this evening or join us in VYC Main Dining area, Pearson Cove or Tiki area.

On Friday, pack those sunglasses as you will need them while enjoying a cruise aboard “La Barge”, transportation and box lunch will be provided, then back to VYC to enjoy a special dinner in our Sunset Room.

Saturday will be the celebration of the installation of our new officers along with dancing. Hospitality Suite will open at 10:00 PM at the hotel.

Don't miss this wonderful weekend in Venice, the shark tooth capital of the world!





# INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL

2018 ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 18-20, 2018

## REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Deadline: **SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

Date/Event	Cost	# of Persons	Total
<b>Thursday, October 18</b>			
Lunch (Barbecue Menu)	\$15.00	x _____	\$ _____
Activity-Clyde Butcher Art Studio Shopping in Downtown Venice		x _____	
<b>Friday, October 19</b>			
Box Luncheon for Activity (Wraps, Chips & Cookies)	\$12.00	x _____	\$ _____
Activity - Cruise Aboard La Barge	\$27.00	x _____	\$ _____
Dinner at VYC - Sunset Room	\$30.00	x _____	\$ _____
Choice/Quantity:	Prime Rib _____	Salmon _____	Stuffed Chicken Breast _____

<b>Saturday, October 20</b>			
Luncheon at VYC (Deli Buffet)	\$24.00	x _____	\$ _____
IOBG President's Ball	\$70.00	x _____	\$ _____
Choice/Quantity:	Filet Mignon _____	Conch Crusted Grouper _____	

Please let us know of any dietary restrictions so we may accommodate your needs

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

District and Office Held: \_\_\_\_\_ Member (Circle)  
IOBG IOBGA

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State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **VYC - IOBG 2018 Ball** (No Online Registration)

Mail check and this form to:

Venice Yacht Club - IOBG 2018 Ball

1330 Tarpon Center Drive

Venice, FL 34285



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**2018 ANNUAL MEETING                      OCTOBER 18-20, 2018**

**Schedule of Events**

**Wednesday, October 17**

Registration	Venice Yacht Club	3:00 - 8:00 PM
Hospitality	Hotel	5:00 - 8:00 PM
Dinner On Your Own	VYC - Happy Hour & Pasta Bar	5:30 - ???

**Thursday, October 18**

Registration	Venice Yacht Club	8:00 - 11:00 AM
IOBG (Ex Comm)	VYC - MDR Conference Rm	9:00 - 11:00 AM
IOBGA (Ex Comm)	VYC - Sunset Room	9:00 - 11:00 AM
Lunch	Venice Yacht Club	11:30 -12:45 PM
Activity	Clyde Butcher Art Studio/Shopping	1:00 - 4:00 PM
Dinner (No Host Cocktails) (Yacht Club Casual)	VYC - Tiki, Bistro or MDR	5:00 - 8:30 PM
Hospitality Suite	Hotel	9:00 - 10:00 PM

**Friday, October 19**

**Dress:** Florida Casual (Day) / Yacht Club Casual (Evening)

Registration	Venice Yacht Club	8:00 - 11:00 AM
IOBG-HF Meeting	VYC - Cove	8:00 - 10:00 AM
IOBG Meeting	VYC - Sunset Room	9:00 - 11:00 AM
IOBGA Meeting	VYC - MDR Conference Rm	9:00 - 10:00 AM
Activity - Box Lunch Provided	Cruise - La Barge	11:15 - 3:30 PM
Dinner (No Host Cocktails) (Yacht Club Casual)	VYC - Sunset Room	5:00 - 9:00 PM
Hospitality Room	Hotel	...Until 11:00 PM

**Saturday, October 20**

**Dress:** Whites - No Ties or Blazer (Day) / Black Tie Formal (Evening)

Registration	Venice Yacht Club	9:00 - 10:00 AM
IOBG-HF Meeting	VYC - Cove	8:00 - 10:00 AM
IOBG Meeting	VYC - Sunset Room	9:00 - 11:45 AM
IOBGA Meeting	VYC - MDR Conference Rm	9:00 - 11:45 AM
IOBG-HF Luncheon	VYC - Sunset Room	12:00 - 1:30 PM
IOBG Meeting (Continues)	VYC - Sunset Room	1:30 - 3:00 PM
Fall Regional Meeting	VYC - Sunset Room	3:00 - 3:30 PM
Cocktail Hour	VYC - Main Bar/Bistro	6:00 - 7:00 PM
<b>Officers Line up for Procession</b>	<b>VYC - Hallway</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>
<b>Installation/Dinner</b> (Black Tie/Formal)	<b>VYC - Main Dining Room</b>	<b>7:00 - 9:30 PM</b>
Hospitality Suite	Hotel	10:00 - ???

**Sunday, October 21**

Thank you for attending & have a safe journey home.





## *First Vice President*

*Sherry Barone*

Area Vice Presidents continue to sustain membership and look at innovative ways to grow membership. Both Karen Shea and Stephen Tisack are working with their districts to encourage new ideas. Karen has a portable IOBG station that she is bringing to districts and old chapters to spark renewed interest in IOBG.

Steve plans to visit New Jersey yacht clubs on Labor Day and Karen has visited Rhode Island clubs. Steve and Karen's joint efforts has been wonderful. I will visit the New York City, Albany, Catskills, Philadelphia and Boston /Berkshires yacht clubs on during the summer.

Any day on the water is a gift and sharing my passion with kids is wonderful. I attended and participated in an "at risk youth sailing" and Special Olympic sailing in Santa Monica Bay and Long Beach. The speed and the power of Sailing was special as they develop their capabilities.

While attending the IOBG regional meeting on 16-18 August 2018 in Erie, Pennsylvania I realized as a person who grew up in a suburban area of Philadelphia, PA this was the first time I was in Erie. Ernie Yacht Club (EYC) hosted a dinner on 16 August 2018. EYC's sailing program includes both youth and high school was impressive as well as their Reyburn Education Center. Highlights included 55 acres, club house and charity regattas.

EYC Past Commodore/IOBG member Ed Schuler hosted the evening. He also took the time to show us around the massive grounds and every aspect of the club, innovative dock design, education center, sailboats for educational use, boats, haul out and repair center. This yacht club and Erie is worth a stop on your Northeast and Midwest tour in the summer or fall. A big thanks to the hospitality of Erie Yacht Club , District 7 / Lloyd Bogue, and IOBG President Tony Durieux for hosting the event.

District 50  
Mark A. Vadaj, District Director

District 50 has most recently enjoyed success by re-establishing membership in the New England area.

Thank you to the Boston yachtsmen who have renewed their commitment to IOBG and especially to those who have recently joined. It is my hope that soon the IOBG can plan a Regional Meeting in the Greater New England area. Most recently District 50 has enjoyed strong interest in the Indiana / Lake Michigan area and migrating into the Greater Chicago areas. These areas have not had an active District or Chapter in many years.

Should any Past Commodore have any interest in the Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota area, please contact me. We welcome all inquiries. Please stay tuned as we are attempting a District Meeting in the near future.

Thank You for your commitment to "Yachting's Most Prestigious Fraternity"

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## *Second Vice President Robert "Buzz" Bisanz*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for your membership in IOBG for 2018. We are now entering the final months of this fiscal year and our activities in communicating with our membership and membership retention/growth have progressed very well.

It's now time to have some fun and find out more detailed information about IOBG. Access our IOBG website at [IOBG.org](http://IOBG.org) and peruse the pages of information we have detailed on this site. You will find the following information and I think it will enhance your understanding of IOBG:

- IOBG Bylaws
- Policy Manual
- IOBG Brochure (PDF version)
- IOBG Presentation (Power Point Presentation)
- Chapter Directory w/addresses
- Lists of Officers, Representatives & Committees
- District Information
- Meeting Minutes (Regional and Annual Mtgs)
- LOG News letter
- Lighthouse Bulletin
- IOBGA (Auxiliary)
- IOBG Humanitarian Foundation
- Clothing and Accessories for members
- Links to associated vendors and other IOBG Chapter websites

Go ahead and access the site [IOBG.org](http://IOBG.org) and play with the information listed above.

We also have access to a number of written Yacht Club Traditions. These are located at [D8IOBG.org](http://D8IOBG.org) website. The District 8 (Florida) website is open and available for you to access and read the number of Traditions they have listed.

For your District if you have a website please consider including a link to other IOBG sites including [IOBG.org](http://IOBG.org), [IOBGA.org](http://IOBGA.org), [IOBG-HF.org](http://IOBG-HF.org) and other District sites like [D8IOBG.org](http://D8IOBG.org).

District Achievement Award: Beginning with the official District membership numbers posted in August 2017, the Executive Committee will be awarding a District Achievement Award pin based on retention and growth. This distinctive pin will be awarded to five District executive boards in 2018. Your AVP has detailed information for you. Thank you for your efforts in 2018.

Thank you to Southwestern Area Vice President Kathleen Jo Smith and Northwestern Area Vice President Lani Lightle for the personal time and service they each put forth to their assigned areas on behalf of IOBG.

\*\*\*\* Please continue your support of the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation. Website: [IOBG-HF.org](http://IOBG-HF.org)  
To apply for Humanitarian Foundation funding of a local project access the website and complete the LAP (Local Area Project) application form.





*Past President Rosalie Davis Green*

*Slate of Officers for 2019*

The 2018 nominating committee consists of the President, the two immediate Past Presidents and two IOBG members, one from West of the Mississippi River and one from East of the Mississippi River.

The IOBG nominating committee met by conference call and reviewed all requests for nomination submitted by interested members. The committee thoroughly discussed each request. Our decision reflects the consensus of the committee. The IOBG Executive Committee ratified the slate as presented to them by the nominating committee.

These nominees will be placed on the ballot to be voted upon by the IOBG Board of Directors at the IOBG Annual Meeting in Venice Florida on October 20, 2018.



President	B.E. "Bud" Higginson
President-Elect	Sherry Barone
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Robert "Buzz" Bisanz
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Mark Vadaj
Immediate Past President	Tony Durieux
Treasurer	Marshall Nemoy
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Southeast Area Vice President	Karen E. Shea
North Central Area Vice President	Steven Hyder
Northwest Area Vice President	OPEN
Southwest Area Vice President	Kathleen Jo Smith



*N.B.F. Representative Marlene Barrington*

### **NBF Supports S. 1520 the Modern Fish Act:**

This is important legislation to the boating public that would improve data collection methods, modernize fisheries management for all recreational fishing, enhance access to America's federal waters and stimulate economic growth. This legislation has already passed the House of Representatives (H.R. 200) and we are urging all NBF Members, nation wide, to contact their Senators, and urge them to pass S. 1520, their version of the Modern Fish Act as well.

### **Reforming the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) is Critical to Recreational Boaters Nationwide:**

The need to reform the RFS is critical to the U.S. economy and boaters. The RFS is a federal program (The Energy Policy Act of 2005) that requires renewable fuel to be blended into gas in increasing amounts each year, escalating to 36 billion gallons by 2022. Boat engines cannot use E15 safely. However, according to a Harris poll commissioned by the Outdoor Power & Equipment Institute, only 20% of consumers notice ethanol content at gas pumps. Because around 90% of boats are towed, most recreational boat owners are at risk of misfuelling at their local gas station.

A solution to this problem is the EPA's decision to allow the registration of biobutanol as a fuel additive and breaking down all regulatory impediments to full commercialization of biobutanol. Biobutanol delivers more energy content than ethanol, while remaining compatible with current boat engines and infrastructure.

Unlike E15, which damages marine engines, biobutanol does not add any ozone to our atmosphere and causes no damage to marine engines. Biobutanol is superior to ethanol, and as the data and a number of studies show is poised to be the next generation biofuel.

### **The EPA Needs to Revise Labeling for Fuel Pumps That Dispense E15:**

As reported last month, Congressmen, Scott and Frankel introduced H.R. 5855, the Consumer Protection & Fuel Transparency Act, legislation that will require fuel pumps that dispense E15 be labelled accordingly.

Prognosis: 2% chance of being enacted. The overall text of the bill decreases its chance of enactment. The bill has been assigned to the House Energy and Commerce Committee, but no hearings have been scheduled.

Also the National Boating Federation (NBF) thanks the EPA for approving Bio-isobutanol, a very good alternative to E15 ethanol. Isobutanol produces more energy, does not cause pollution, and does not cause any engine damage, like E15 ethanol.



Northwestern V.P.  
Lani Lightle



Districts  
1 & 5  
2, 4 & 24  
Blue Gavel Canada

There has been no activity in District 5 so there is nothing currently to report.

District 1 had their Change of Watch meeting in September at Port Ludlow Yacht Club located to the northwest of Seattle, Washington on the Olympic Peninsula. This is our newest chapter and I am looking forward to our membership meeting our newest members. More about the Change of Watch in the next Log.

The recent passing of three of our wonderful District 1 members has been difficult.

I am hoping that with the conference calls of our board and trustees a plan can be devised to develop a recruitment program to grow our membership.

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Southwestern V.P.  
Kathleen Jo Smith



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



After a whirlwind Opening Day Season, the Southwest area has settled down to enjoy the annual summer activities : Junior sailing classes, regattas, luaus, and cruises.

Most of the districts have some kind of a giving back project, raising funds for some charitable organization, and are planning their district social events.



We are all looking forward to the annual meeting in Venice.

District 10  
Joyce Jackson-Coomber, District Director

On July 25 District 10 held a dinner at Huntington Harbor Yacht Club. There were about thirty people in attendance. Our speaker was one of our Blue Gavel members, Dr. Mark Monroe. He spoke about the Coast Guard Auxiliary and how they fulfill their missions such as Search and Rescue and Boating Inspections.

On August 5 District 10 and Navy Yacht Club of Long Beach combined efforts and sponsored a Brunch at Navy Yacht Club. The omelet bar was manned by both Bill and Lavon Plumlee and Rodney and I provided the rest of the breakfast items. After our expenses were taken out we donated the amount of \$1,145.00 to the Children's Clinics of Long Beach.

We have several upcoming events in the works including a cruise out to Cabrillo Way for Fleet Week, a dinner at Long Beach Yacht Club with a speaker on health safety, a Day at the Races at Los Alamitos Race Track and a duffy ride in December to view the Christmas lights on the waterway.

District 15  
Bill Edwards, District Director

This past June District 15 (D15) IOBG and IOBGA raised \$1,480 for Make-A-Wish San Diego during the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Amazing Race for Children's Wishes. D15 is currently ratcheting up its attention to the D15 IOBG Charity Regatta which will be held in September and benefitting ElderHelp of San Diego.

There is one item of concern in that the board is finding it difficult to find a past commodore from our chapters to join D15 as the Secretary. We are continuing to address this with the chapters that are currently next in our rotation to fill our board positions.

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Our schedule for the current board is:

- 1) BOARD MEETING ON SEPT 10, 2018 AT SWYC – 6PM
- 2) DIST 15 CHARITY REGATTA ON SEPT 22, 2018 AT Point Loma Yacht Club
- 3) BOARD MEETING ON NOVEMBER 12, 2018 AT SWYC – 6PM;

With our CHANGE OF WATCH DINNER MEETING ON JANUARY 11, 2019 AT SWYC

District 16 - Part 1

At the last District 16 meeting, guest Speaker Rene Aiu, representing the Harbor & Beach Community Alliance, summarized the history and status of the issues facing the Channel Islands Harbor. The Harbor & Beach Community Alliance’s mission is to preserve the beautiful harbor for boating recreation and visitor serving purpose. The focus of concern is on the Harbors plan to replace the Wharf (at Victoria and Channel Islands Boulevard) with a new 400 unit apartment building. A developer has been selected and given rights to build apartments on this and other Harbor properties.

The Channel Islands Harbor yacht clubs that are negotiating new leases fear retaliation if they challenge the Harbor Commission’s plan to replace yacht clubs, sports fishing, and other recreational facilities with apartments; therefore, IOBG District 16’s involvement is greatly appreciated.

District 16 - Part 2  
Submitted by Sheldon Berger

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chowderfest event benefiting the Channel Islands Maritime Museum was held on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at the museum. The International Order of the Blue Gavel sponsored and provided volunteers to work the event. The CIMM also provided volunteers as well as members of our local community. Since its inception by IOBG and myself Sheldon Berger, the Chowderfest events have raised over \$120,000 for the museum’s continuing educations programs.



Fourteen local restaurants participated by serving their famous clam chowder as well as other favorite chowder style soups and food plates. The winners included, Best Seafood Chowder: A tie with Rhumb Line, Spencer Mackenzies and Waterside Café.

Judges award for best Non Seafood Chowder went to River Ridge Golf Course Catering.

The People’s Choice award was presented to Sea Fresh.

A full four hours of outstanding Blues and songs was again provided this year by Kelly’s Lot and her musician friends. They have participated at all of the Chowderfest events! Music Makes the Party.

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District 16 Report Continued...

New entries at the Chowderfest this year included Stone Fire Grill, Harbor Mart Deli, Body Fuel Bistro and P.B. & J's. Additionally, The Greek at the Harbor, Moqueca, La Dolce Vita participated.



Several wineries including Firestone, Four Brix, Panero Bros., Plan B and San Vicente served samples of their wines. Firestone Walker Brewery served several of their local brews.

Thanks to our major sponsors: Vintage Marina, CIYC, HIYC, PCYC, Channel Islands Electric Boats, Ventura Party Rentals, and Kelly's Lot.

It is very much appreciated to all that helped work the event and to all that attended Chowderfest 2018.



District 19  
Roger Beebe, Past District Director

IOBG Delta District 19 continues to have an outstanding leadership team led by President Jack Michael, Vice President Paul Clausen, Secretary Matt Smith, Treasurer Mike Billington and Supply Officer Don Dietz. Additionally, Past-District 19 Director (2017) Roger Beebe continues to advise and assist as well as serve as Communications and Web Master. We currently have 145 paid members and are starting to solicit members for 2019.

On Saturday June 23, 2018 Delta District 19 hosted our free Past Commodores Appreciation Picnic and Cruise-in to the Delta Marina Yacht Club in Rio Vista, CA. We had 53 total attendees representing Delta District 19, District 19 Auxiliary, and a few from District 14. The weather was HOT (over 100°) but bearable because of cool refreshments and good company.

The Nomination BBQ was held on Saturday August 18, 2018 at the Discovery Bay Yacht Club, Discovery Bay, CA. Before the BBQ, attendees boarded patio boats for a front row seat to the start of the Big Cat Poker Run consisting of approximately 40 offshore powerboats. After the Big Cat Poker Run start, we returned to the Yacht Club for 2019 Nominations and BBQ. Officers nominated for 2019 are:

- |                 |                 |                         |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Director:       | Jack Michael    | Marina West Yacht Club  |
| President:      | Paul Clausen    | California Carver Club  |
| Vice President: | George Iaconis  | Pittsburg Yacht Club    |
| Secretary:      | Matt Smith      | Capital City Yacht Club |
| Treasurer:      | Mike Billington | Stockton Yacht Club     |

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## District 19 Report Continued...

Upcoming IOBG Delta District 19 scheduled events include:

- The Board of Directors will meet on Saturday September 22 at 10:00 a.m. hosted by Bridge Marina Yacht Club/Chapter at Driftwood Marina, Antioch, CA.
- The Delta District 19 Election Meeting with luncheon will be Saturday, September 22 at 12:30 p.m. hosted by Bridge Marina Yacht Club/Chapter at Driftwood Marina, Antioch, CA.
- The Delta District 19 Change of Watch with dinner will be Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Stockton Yacht Club, Stockton, CA.
- Members and others interested in Delta District 19's 2018 schedule of activities, general information, and membership information are welcome to browse [www.iobgdelta19.org](http://www.iobgdelta19.org) at any time.

## District 21

Richard Price, District President

District 21 President Richard Price continues to induct incoming members at their Clubs Opening Day.



Inducting PC Diana Miner at Lido Isle Yacht Club, Newport Beach, CA.



North Central V.P.  
Mark Vadaj



Districts  
7, 9, 23 & 25

The North Central has enjoyed a very busy and active 2018 and the best is yet to come. One of the reasons the North Central Area has been so intense the last few months is because we pack 12 months of boating into 6 months and sometimes less. Another reason is that these Districts work very hard every year to provide the most benefit and boating activities that are possible. All of the Districts have their own events and efforts but also share in common events such as the most recent Inter Lake Yachting Association Sailboat Week and Powerboat Week for a total of two full weeks at Put in Bay on South Bass Island.

As active and hardworking our District Officers have been this year, they have also played hard and through the multiple events and relationships they have utilized these opportunities to further propel the message and a welcome invitation of the IOBG. Personally, I would like to extend my most sincere appreciation and admiration to the efforts of all the District Officers in the North Central Area.

The North Central is a relatively modest area geographically and modest population with metropolitan areas starting from Erie PA., Cleveland, Toledo, Detroit and Windsor. Our Retention and recruitment efforts reflect the following.

<u>District 25</u>	
Retained Members	91
New Members	9
Total	100
 <u>District 9</u>	
Retained Members	160
New Members	26
Total	186
 <u>District 7</u>	
Reinstated Members	4
International Pres.	3
New Members	30
Retained Members	197
Total	234

The North Central Area will continue to not only maintain but enhance our population and, also enhance the value and benefit for our membership. I encourage every member to reach out to their Individual Districts and attend at least one event and bring a fellow Past Commodore. I also extend the invitation to every member to attend and participate in our annual convention this October in Venice Florida to support President-Elect Bud Higginson. Every member has a voice and a vote. Your opinion matters and your contributions are welcome.

Thank you to all those who have accepted my invitation to call me personally about IOBG. The Offer is always open.



District 7  
Lloyd Bogue, President

Our summer is flying by with many, many activities for all clubs and chapters. We concluded the month of May with a very special event aboard the USS Cod, a World War II naval ship in Cleveland Harbor. The Greater Cleveland Boating Association puts on this event and asked District 7 to participate with our members. This is a very moving event honoring our fallen heroes and our fellow members from our respective yacht clubs.

June continued to be a month in which we continued our support for our troops by collecting & donating "Hawaiian Shirts for Deployed Soldiers". This donation is the least we can do for troops to add a little fun to their stressful situation.

We provided a cocktail party for our members and the attendees at the Greater Cleveland Boating Association's summer rendezvous at the Huron Boat Basin with 70 boats participating this year.

The month of July concluded with the finalization of plans for the Summer Meeting at Erie Pa.

August had an event in which Districts 7, 9, & 25 honor the commodore of the Inter-Lakes Yachting Association by holding a joint event on Put in Bay during their annual powerboat regatta. This year's cocktail party hosted some 120 past, present and future yacht club officers.

Welcome to the North Coast once again! We hope you found Erie, Pennsylvania a great place to explore and enjoyed your stay at another jewel of Lake Erie.

District 7 & 9 will continue to do another joint event next month as we celebrate the "harvest of the vine" with a joint Wine Tour at the west end of Lake Erie on September 28 & 29.

Our Year will conclude on October 13<sup>th</sup> with our change of watch at Forest City Yacht.

District 9  
Dean Reamsnyder, District Director

Dean Reamsnyder welcomed IOBG to Erie, a great place to explore and enjoy another jewel of Lake Erie.

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Our year will conclude on October 13<sup>th</sup> with our change of watch at Forest City Yacht Club.

Northeastern V.P.  
Stephen Tisack



Districts  
3, 12, 20, 22  
26 & 27

**No Reports Submitted...**

*Southeastern V.P.*  
*Karen Shea*



*Districts*  
*8 & 18*

D18 continues to maintain their members from four Yacht Clubs. Despite my initiative to send out personalized letters with our new brochures to 11 Inactive chapters in North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee, I only received one response/member from Western Carolina Sailing Club.

My next idea is to assist District 18 by sending out 37 personalized letters to Yacht Clubs in the 5 state area who have never had an IOBG Chapter. I have developed the same spreadsheet for District 18 as I did for District 8 which gathers a lot of information onto one page. I've talked to four previous SEVPs and they all said the area has been hard to recruit.

District 18 Director Kowert continues to recruit from the Charleston, SC area with hopes of forming a board soon. I have a meeting scheduled with him on September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Charleston Yacht Club. It has been a challenge this year having the largest membership district and the smallest membership district. I enjoy working with other VP's and our 1st VP Sherry Barone to increase our membership.

I sent out an IOBG letter and honorary application from President Durieux to Commodore Jose Escrch of the Hemingway International Yacht Club, Havana, Cuba on August 1, 2018 which was approved by the board meeting on July 16, 2018. We will be waiting on a response and proceed from there on induction.

I developed a recruiting display with the total cost of about \$180 (\$100 for a 15.3" Digital Photo, Video & Music Display, an Embroidered IOBG table cloth \$70 and a brochure holder \$7). On the digital display, I have the IOBG Presentation and pictures (thanks to Spencer) which still has room for improvement including figuring out how to add music. On the table, I currently have our IOBG brochures, my IOBG business card, IOBG membership applications, Humanitarian Fund information page, Boat U.S. brochures, National Boating Federation Safety Brochures, and a US Coast Guard Auxiliary info paper. I intend to add two more brochures or info papers from all our US Sailing and US Power Squadron/America's Boating Club. Any other suggestions would be appreciated. These displays could be used at IOBG sponsored events as well as during our regional meetings to help with recruiting members

District 8  
Karen Shea, District Director

Our District 8 spring meeting scheduled for June 1-3 at Coral Ridge Yacht Club in Ft Lauderdale was canceled due to unforeseen circumstances. Our next meeting which is our Change of Watch with President Elect Joe Dombrowski taking the helm will coincide with the International Change of Watch in Venice October 18-20<sup>th</sup>. I am positive we can supplement our 3 meetings a year with additional teleconferences.

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## District 8 Report Continued...

I have dual positions as both the D8 Director and the Southeastern Vice President (SEVP). D8 did not reach our 2017 membership goal of 230. As of August 1, 2018, we have 223 members plus 2 Past Presidents. We lost our position as the largest District to District 7 - congrats to District 7! Currently, D8 has a District Achievement Award calculation of 92.94% which places us 6 of 12 Districts as of July 2018. D8 will receive the DAA at our October Change of Watch in Venice, FL.

We have two Chapters that reactivated, Bird Key Yacht Club and Palm Beach Sailing Club, which gives us 25 Chapters. Palm Coast Yacht Club has also shown interest but no new members yet. We continue to work on retention and have assigned our Board Presidents with both active and inactive chapters to contact. In conjunction with our Treasurer Dennis Bosi sending out renewals in December, I sent out 49 personalized letters to inactive Chapters along with our new brochures. In the letters, I also give reference to our IOBG.ORG website and the great Power Point presentation that anyone can use. We will continue to try to activate our inactive Chapters especially those who are Florida Council of Yacht Club members. I think it is important to send out annual letters to inactivate chapters along with our new brochures.

Our District works very hard at keeping our members informed via our website, newsletters, emails, and phone calls from our Executive Committee. We are one of only two Districts with a published Membership Directory, not to mention our great website. We talked about our D8 membership roster which Mary Nye Meyers produces. I sent out a copy of our D8 Membership Directory to all VP's and the E-Committee. This all helps in keeping our retention rate high.

I continue to ask our D8 Chapter Presidents to work on several areas within their Yacht Clubs:

1. Add an IOBG tab on their Yacht Club website. Just start off with the IOBG mission statement and who your current Chapter Board is and maybe a few pictures. Also add a link to both our D8 and International website. We have 7 out of 25 YC's who have IOBG info/tabs on their websites.
2. Have their Yacht Clubs add IOBG members to their reciprocity rules.
3. Be an ambassador for the IOBG when you have Regattas and other events involving other yachts clubs. I've made up an IOBG Display Table which can be used.

We are considering presenting our IOBG Chapters with IOBG flags for 25, 30, etc years of membership. We will be presenting Venice Yacht Club with an IOBG Flag with 33 years on it to fly on their flagpole.

District 18  
Dave Kowert, District Director

The summer season in Charleston is filled with regattas literally every weekend. Our best attempts to create a special event for IOBG in conjunction with a yacht club regatta were unsuccessful due largely in part to our late start. The key people we needed to reach out to were already heavily committed to their individual Yacht Club activities and responsibilities. That said, we had the opportunity to meet with a significant number of Past Commodores from James Island Yacht Club, Hobcaw Yacht Club, Carolina Yacht Club, Sea Island Yacht Club, and Charleston Yacht Club.

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## District 18 Report Continued...

The response to rebuilding a much more active IOBG chapter in Charleston remains positive, and many of the Past Commodores we spoke with agreed that a Fall event (outside the regatta season) would be something they would attend. While that remains to be seen, JD Rosser (PC Hobcaw YC) and I are in the process of planning an oyster roast to be held at Hobcaw Yacht Club in October and we will be sending out RSVP invitations in early September.

District 18 has made an offer to Charleston Ocean Racing Association to play a more active role in the Wednesday Night Race Series and to support or sponsor a Fall rally race around the harbor. This rally concept is also supported by Charleston Race Week as they would like to add another event to the Race Week activities. If we can get this underway, IOBG would have increased visibility by providing the check boats at each rally point. Our plan is to ask Past Commodores in the area who have boats to support the effort and get them engaged through action instead of just hospitality.

We recognize that we need to push our marketing efforts outside of the Charleston Area as well, and we are currently reaching out to members in Hilton Head and other Yacht Clubs to see if we can leverage their interest as well. While the summer has been incredibly busy, we are looking for Fall to slow down and provide the opportunity to grow IOBG in District 18.

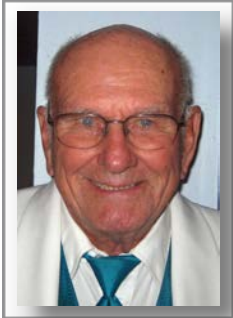






## International Order of the Blue Gavel Auxiliary

### *In Remembrance ... President Al Eiffert*



International Executive Secretary Mary Eiffert notified us that her husband International Auxiliary President Al Eiffert passed away on August 28th. He had been in hospice care the previous week. They were in Spokane, Washington with family & Mary will return to southern California in mid-September. They held a Celebration of Life while Al was still with them so the family had an opportunity to take part. She will hold something once she is back in California for their many friends there. Mary plans to continue her duties in IOBG.

IOBGA President-Elect  
Gary Smith

Members have been busy!

District 7 launched the pilot book giveaway in fine IOBGA fashion. They teamed up with a school needing a library and provided 150 books, all stamped with the IOBGA District 7 ID. The district superintendent was present, the local paper, and publicity for our organization was garnered as well as joyful young reader's thanks. We approved granting an additional \$100.00 to the project.

Members throughout the nation attended Opening Days as many hulls kissed the water for the first time in 2018, and boaters in the South and Far West dodged ice cubes as they resumed their never ending seasons.

We approved our new pins, and applauded the shopping acumen of Mary Nye Meyers as we save needed dollars.

We continue our goal to improve our numbers, notice some ingenious ways districts have found to enhance the membership. As an example, one district offers free membership for the Second year for the past Commodore and his/her spouse. Think about it!

We continue to seek talented individuals to fill openings as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and Southwest Director. Please contact any member of the Executive Board if you are interested.

We look forward to our trip to Venice, Florida in October, join us!





# IOBG Humanitarian Foundation

## PATRON OF THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM

IOBGHF launched a program to provide special recognition to contributors who donate \$100 or more. Each contributor will be awarded a distinctive "Action for Life" pin which signifies their status as a patron of the foundation.

"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.



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This is just a reminder that the Humanitarian Foundation will be acknowledging and accepting any donations that your District or Chapter would like to donate to the Foundation.

This can be done by personally presenting the donation at the Annual Meeting during our Saturday luncheon to myself and the Treasurer or by directly mailing them to the Treasurer.

P/C Lani Lightle  
IOBGHF Treasurer & CFO  
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The mission of the Foundation states that it provides the boating community the ability to create differences in others' lives. The Foundation provides resources to existing charities and benefits the communities through new initiatives involving boating activities. So, what does that really mean to you? It means that there is, within the Blue Gavel organization, a 501c(3) Charitable and Educational entity that can help you in your community service efforts.

A community project that your district, chapter or yacht club is interested in helping can apply to the Humanitarian Foundation for funds to implement their program. The individual contributions by members that are not tax deductible when the club collects will be deductible when they are donated directly to the Foundation. We hope this sounds interesting to you and that you will want additional information.

Please review our website, and get in touch with a Foundation representative if you have any questions, ideas or fundraising opportunities. We want you to get involved in this important endeavor and to encourage the continuation of giving to the community in generations to come. We must operate in an atmosphere of harmony and good fellowship

We encourage the Districts to put this information on their District website and the printable brochure for the AVP's to distribute to their prospective Chapters and Districts.

We also, encourage the IOBG membership to get involved and feel good about your Foundation. In order to get involved you must first know what our Foundation objectives are and what you can do to help. So, please review our website.

I would like to take this moment and thank my Vice President Jackie Evans Rudd for stepping in and taking care of business when I had surgery and not able to participate. A big thank you, and also, to the help of our Directors and Ambassadors.

**WE WANT TO MOVE FORWARD AND WE NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!!**

Thank you for your assistance,

Carol Promessi, President Humanitarian Foundation  
P/P IOBG

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